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 ${\tt Ms.}$ Catherine Huybrechts, NASA Ames Research Center ${\tt DEVELOP}$

Mr. James Eisert, LFR

Mr. Victor Izzo, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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- 2 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Good afternoon,
- 3 everyone. Welcome to the December 7th meeting of the
- 4 Special Waste Committee. Just for the record, my name is
- 5 Rosalie Mulé Board Member and I will be chairing this
- 6 meeting today. Our Committee Chair, Board Chair Rosario
- 7 Marin is unable to be here today due to a death in the
- 8 family and so she asked that I chair the meeting today.
- 9 There are agendas on the back table. And if
- 10 anyone would like to speak to an item, there are speaker's
- 11 slips. You fill it out and bring it up to Deb here and
- 12 then you will have an opportunity to address our
- 13 committee.
- 14 Also, I would like to ask everyone to please turn
- 15 off or put in the silent mode your cell phones and pagers.
- 16 And, Deb, would you please call the roll please.
- 17 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BALLUCH: Petersen?
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Here.
- 19 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BALLUCH: Mulé?
- 20 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Here.
- 21 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BALLUCH: Marin?
- 22 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: And we also have Board
- 23 Member Peace sitting with us today. And thank you for
- 24 joining us. We appreciate having you here today.
- 25 And how about let's see next is our ex partes.

- 1 How are we doing on ex partes?
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Up-to-date.
- 3 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: And I'm up-to-date as
- 4 well.
- 5 Mr. Lee, our Deputy Director. Would you like to
- 6 provide us with your Deputy Director's report today?
- 7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: I would and thank you,
- 8 Madam Chair. Good afternoon, board and committee members.
- 9 A special welcome the our new Special Waste Committee
- 10 member, Mr. Petersen.
- 11 My name is Jim Lee, Deputy Director with the
- 12 Special Waste Division. A couple of items in my Deputy
- 13 Director's Report. I want to up to date you on some
- 14 recently concluded and some upcoming goings on in the Tire
- 15 and Used Oil Programs.
- On December 1st CalTrans conducted a user seminar
- 17 for rubberized asphalt concrete here in the Cal EPA
- 18 building. I want to take this opportunity to thank Board
- 19 Member Mulé for her participation in providing opening
- 20 remarks, you know, for that seminar.
- 21 The purpose of the meeting was to present
- 22 findings from the CalTrans/Waste Board project on RAC to
- 23 provide training and technical assistance to the various
- 24 CalTrans district offices, as well as promoting technology
- 25 exchange between the other states that are using RAC, such

- 1 as Arizona, Florida and Texas.
- Some of the topics that were discussed included
- 3 structural design considerations, materials and
- 4 construction considerations, a summary of CalTrans field
- 5 experiences with RAC, and 4-state roundtable, which
- 6 included presentations from the aforementioned states.
- 7 On November 30th there was a Household Hazardous
- 8 Waste exchange meeting in Riverside. Among the topics
- 9 discussed were U-waste planning and grant streamlining
- 10 proposals.
- 11 In January the Committee will being hearing more
- 12 about grant streamlining and the input received from this
- 13 and other meetings with stakeholders when the grants
- 14 executive oversight committee expects to present findings
- 15 and recommendations.
- With regards to upcoming meetings, this month's
- 17 waste tire interested parties meeting will be on
- 18 Wednesday, December 14th from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Coastal
- 19 Hearing Room. This meeting will provide for continuing
- 20 discussion and stakeholder input on the process and
- 21 criteria for the Tire Derived Product Business Assistance
- 22 Program. Staff will be reviewing and considering that
- 23 input, and we plan to bring a consideration item forward
- 24 in January to request Board approval of the criteria.
- 25 And finally, just to note that there will be

- 1 another Household Hazardous Waste exchange meeting here
- 2 for the northern California area scheduled for December
- 3 18th in San Francisco. A main topic of discussion will be
- 4 U-waste planning.
- 5 That concludes my Deputy Director's report.
- 6 Unless there are comments or questions, I'm prepared to
- 7 continue with the today's agenda.
- 8 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Questions?
- 9 Okay.
- 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 11 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 12 Presented as follows.)
- 13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Committee Item B, Board
- 14 Item 8 is Consideration of Proposed Allocation and
- 15 Concepts for Used Oil Recycling Fund Fiscal Year 2005 --
- 16 excuse me, Consideration of Proposed Allocation and
- 17 Concepts for Used Oil Recycling Fund Fiscal Year 2005/6,
- 18 and an Update on the Used Oil Recycling Program.
- 19 This item is to discuss with you our progress in
- 20 carrying out the provisions of the Board approved used oil
- 21 implementation plan. We will also be requesting your
- 22 approval of those discretionary expenditures from the Used
- 23 Oil Fund for statewide education and outreach and for
- 24 contract concepts to further the implementation plan.
- 25 We do not propose to discuss at length the Used

- 1 Oil Fund condition, since this was a topic of a separate
- 2 discussion at last month's board meeting. However, we
- 3 will note, again, that current fund condition projections
- 4 indicate that next year, not this year, but next year, we
- 5 may have insufficient funds to enable us to offer
- 6 competitive grants or to provide for discretionary
- 7 expenditures for statewide outreach or contract concepts
- 8 in support of our used oil implementation plan.
- 9 With that overview, I will now ask Kristen Yee to
- 10 make the remainder of the staff presentation.
- 11 MS. YEE: Good afternoon, Board Members. I am
- 12 here to present this agenda item, and I want to accomplish
- 13 3 objectives.
- 14 --000--
- 15 MS. YEE: The first one is I wanted to update you
- 16 on the Used Oil Program, based on the implementation plan
- 17 that was put into place last year. And for Board Member
- 18 Petersen's benefit, this plan was developed last year as a
- 19 result of a third-party assessment on the Used Oil
- 20 Program. The next thing I would like to do is present our
- 21 allocation item and what staff is recommending. And then
- 22 lastly I would request approval from the Committee and
- 23 eventually the Board on the proposed allocation items.
- 24 --000--
- MS. YEE: Our implementation plan is based on 7

- l major strategies. In addition to our day-to-day
- 2 functions, each of the used oil staff, they manage over
- 3 700 grants and contracts. And what I want to share with
- 4 you is that the planning, the task, the actions that we
- 5 put into this plan, everything that we do is weaved into
- 6 one of our strategies.
- 7 The first strategy, number 1, is maximizing the
- 8 effectiveness of used oil collection centers
- 9 infrastructure. Last year you approved a research
- 10 proposal to actually look at certified collection centers.
- 11 Certified collection centers is really the backbone of the
- 12 oil program. And that's where the do-it-yourselfers
- 13 return their used oil. And so what we have is currently a
- 14 network of about 2,500 certified collection centers
- 15 statewide. And what we wanted to do with this research
- 16 was to identify the gaps and present market strategies for
- 17 increasing the number of certified collection centers
- 18 throughout the State of California.
- 19 And we also wanted to encourage certified
- 20 questions centers to accept oil filters, because in the
- 21 research that we've done so far, we've found that there's
- 22 more residual oil in the oil filter than was originally
- 23 thought. But increasing our certified collection centers
- 24 will make it more convenient for our do-it-yourselfers to
- 25 recycled used oil.

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- Another way in which we were trying to increase
- 2 our infrastructure is by looking at curbside recycling.
- 3 Curbside recycling definitely is one of the most
- 4 convenient ways of recycling. So what we did is we
- 5 surveyed our local jurisdictions. And through that survey
- we were able to -- we wanted to find out who actually had 6
- 7 curbside recycling, who didn't, and if they didn't, why
- 8 not.

- And what we found is that a majority of them 9
- didn't think that curbside recycling would be very 10
- effective or cost efficient, especially in the rural areas 11
- where curbside recycling isn't even available. 12
- 13 And so they didn't want to do with the spillage
- that may happen and they felt that the infrastructure that 14
- they had available was sufficient. But there were a few 15
- that were interested and staff is working with them to 16
- provide technical assistance on those who are interested 17
- 18 in it.
- 19 Strategy number 2 is to promote source reduction
- and pollution prevention. Using our research and 20
- 21 development grant, we currently have a project with the
- Air Resources Board and the California Stationary Fuel 22
- Cell Collaboration on a hydrogen fuel project. This 23
- 24 hydrogen fuel cell vehicle what it really represents is
- 25 the ultimate in source reduction, because it has no

- $1\,$ internal combustion engine, so therefore it doesn't even
- 2 use motor oil.
- 3 This initiative of the Cal EPA and the Governor's
- 4 office provides the oil program an opportunity to
- 5 collaborate with a private/public entity. And what this
- 6 grant will fund is the installation of a stationary fuel
- 7 cell in the Cal EPA lobby here to power displays and
- 8 equipment that we have in the media room. We'll be
- 9 leasing a fuel cell vehicle and developing public outreach
- 10 and educational material.
- 11 The fuel cell vehicle will be covered in a wrap
- 12 art and it will be displayed here downstairs, and it will
- 13 be show-cased for the public to see at the Cal EPA
- 14 building.
- 15 Another project that we're working on is the
- 16 assessment for extended oil change interval outreach. And
- 17 this is -- what we want to find out is whether or not we
- 18 should extend the oil exchange beyond the 3,000 miles that
- 19 people have typically changed their oil. This is a
- 20 regional search that was requested by the Board last year.
- 21 So what the researcher is trying to do now is determine
- 22 what is the current frequency of most of our drivers. And
- 23 also they'll be doing a market testing of the various
- 24 message to extend our oil change intervals.
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1 MS. YEE: Strategy number 3 relates to promoting

- 2 the highest and best use of our used oil. And one of the
- 3 highest and best uses of oil is using rerefined oil. We
- 4 tried promoting the use of rerefined oil at quick lubes
- 5 and to encourage customers to request rerefined when they
- 6 go in to do an oil change. And what the research showed
- 7 was that the customers were unwilling to use rerefined,
- 8 because basically the product has a real poor image. They
- 9 find it really hard to accept the fact that oil can be
- 10 changed and it could be clean enough to be put into an
- 11 engine and not harm it.
- 12 So what the research recommended was to promote
- 13 the use of rerefined oil with fleets, but not with your
- 14 regular consumers, because with fleets they routinely
- 15 maintain a schedule and also they can purchase the oil in
- 16 bulk through a State contract.
- 17 So this report is on the website if ever you
- 18 wanted to read the details of it.
- 19 Strategy number 4 is to enhance the Used Oil
- 20 Program's visibility. And we've worked closely with the
- 21 Office of Public Affairs to highlight some of the
- 22 accomplishments of our grantees, and also the effort that
- 23 they're putting into promoting the program and collecting
- 24 used oil and filters. And these are some of the
- 25 examples --

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- 2 MS. YEE: -- of events that have taken place with
- 3 our grantees. Here Chairperson Marin is at Huntington
- 4 Park and they're acknowledging the work that Huntington
- 5 Park has done in terms of partnering with private
- 6 companies, such as Kragen and Pep Boys in collecting used
- 7 oil and filters.
- 8 --000--
- 9 MS. YEE: And then board members and staff were
- 10 able to attend the California Ag day where ESJPA and the
- 11 Oil Program had a booth there. And it was at the State
- 12 Capitol.
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- 14 MS. YEE: Chairperson Marin toured actually
- 15 several of the oil collection sites in Sierra and Glenn
- 16 Counties, and then later presented them with an ward for
- 17 excellence in their program.
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- 19 MS. YEE: And here we have Chairperson Marin and
- 20 Board Member Mulé attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at
- 21 Antelope Valley where they opened a new marina oil
- 22 collection site.
- 23 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Actually that was a
- 24 household hazardous waste and oil collection facility.
- 25 --000--

- 1 MS. YEE: Then this next one is at Lake Perris
- 2 where they did the used oil and clean boater kick off.
- 3 --000--
- 4 MS. YATES: And then Board Member Washington he
- 5 attended and spoke at the Long Beach Household Hazardous
- 6 Waste Used Oil Information Exchange, and Deputy Jim Lee
- 7 did speak about the different information exchange that we
- 8 have throughout the state that happens once a month in
- 9 northern Cal as well as southern Cal.
- 10 And at these monthly meetings, it is where
- 11 there's a lot of information disseminated and discussed.
- 12 And if ever there's issues that we want feedback from our
- 13 constituents, this is a perfect venue where they can vet
- 14 it. And we have had a lot of discussions there. And
- 15 Board Member Washington here he's speaking to the group
- 16 and he's challenging our stakeholders to be accountable
- 17 for the funding that they're receiving from the Board. So
- 18 I think the group was really appreciative of the fact
- 19 hearing what the Board wanted from a Board Member. So the
- 20 exchange went really well.
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- 22 MS. YEE: This is our annual conference that we
- 23 have. And in the past we've had the Used Oil Conference
- 24 and a separate HHW conference. For cost efficiency and
- 25 synergy between the stakeholders, we've combined these 2

- 1 conferences into one the past 2 years. And we basically
- 2 have about over 200 attendees, 10 to 20 vendors attending.
- 3 And in a typical conference, we usually have a day or two
- 4 of 8-hour training and then we have 12 different workshop
- 5 sessions. And that really translates into about 24 to 36
- 6 speakers in that short period of time.
- 7 So at the conference what this really means is
- 8 that the attendees really have an opportunity to learn a
- 9 lot about what's happening throughout the State in terms
- 10 of other programs going on, to exchange ideas, to really
- 11 be rejuvenated from the different speakers that we have.
- 12 And it's these interactions that's helped really focus --
- 13 change the focus of the oil program as well as being able
- 14 to learn and see what others have done.
- 15 The Board does co-sponsor this conference with
- 16 DTSC. And as the conference is being planned, what I want
- 17 you to understand is that there's active participation and
- 18 collaboration from all of our stakeholders. And it's
- 19 not -- the planning is not -- is done in such a way that
- 20 it's balanced and that there's something to be gained for
- 21 every participant.
- 22 And on the last evening of the conference it was
- 23 culminated with an awards ceremony and you see part of
- 24 that there.
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1 MS. YEE: Our 5th strategy focuses on improvement

- 2 of our grant program management. Per your request and as
- 3 Jim alluded to earlier, staff has been working on
- 4 streamlining the grant process. And the UOP staff has
- 5 sought input from all the stakeholders and they've met
- 6 together in cafe-style sessions, where they've discussed
- 7 about eligibility, funding strategies, eligible costs,
- 8 planning and design costs, and even reporting methods.
- 9 So the input from the various meetings, as well
- 10 as a survey that was done will help staff in improving the
- 11 effectiveness of the program, and I believe it will be
- 12 presented to the Board in January.
- Our 6th strategy focuses on developing
- 14 public/private partnerships. Through the conference one
- 15 of our small businesses called Green Flame was able to
- 16 partner with our oil grantee as well as with Kragen, the
- 17 private company, to collect oil containers. Often when
- 18 people change their oil, they just dump the oil
- 19 containers. And now Green Flame is able to do like a milk
- 20 run to pick up these oil containers, so not only is he
- 21 recycling plastic, he's also recycling the residual from
- 22 the oil container.
- 23 Staff has also partnered cross-divisionally and
- 24 with other public agencies with the EPP manual, the Used
- 25 Oil Program actually developed the motor oil as well as

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- 1 the paint segment of the EPP manual.
- 2 So through these manuals we can further the green
- 3 procurement action plan.
- 4 --000--
- 5 MS. YEE: Finally, our 7th strategy of the
- 6 implementation plan probably is the most revealing about
- 7 how we're redirecting our program to actively encourage
- 8 local jurisdictions to evaluate themselves and also to
- 9 adopt approaches that have worked in similar settings.
- 10 We've developed this block grant report card where we're
- 11 able to objectively evaluate each of our grantee through
- 12 the performance criteria, and we can actually know who is
- 13 high, medium and low performers. And so grant managers
- 14 can easily identify who the low performers are and be able
- 15 to assist them. And I believe the report card was
- 16 presented to the Board -- the details of it was presented
- 17 to the Board in April.
- 18 Lastly, we share model programs through the write
- 19 up of profiles of model programs. We distribute all of
- 20 this to grantees. And in sharing these programs, grantees
- 21 can either implement the program and learn from other
- 22 successes and failures. And these profiles are put on our
- 23 website.
- 24 So this kind of concludes the overview. And I
- 25 hope it provides you with some insight and understanding

- 1 of the oil program and that we're really working towards
- 2 using our implementation plan as our road map to really
- 3 improve the program to provide technical assistance and to
- 4 help the grantees to maximize their resources.
- 5 So next I'd like to present our proposed
- 6 allocation funding for our statewide education outreach
- 7 activities as well as our research proposals.
- 8 --000--
- 9 MS. YEE: This slide here is a snapshot of your
- 10 Attachment 2 of the agenda item if you have it.
- 11 The fund condition was presented as Jim said last
- 12 month, and so I'll just kind of go through Category 5
- 13 since this is what you have discretion over.
- 14 Of the \$809,000 that's available, what we're
- 15 recommending is that we allot \$130,000 for our annual
- 16 conference, which I spoke to earlier. And then the next
- 17 line item would be outreach for adds and printing and that
- 18 is at \$85,000 And what we've been doing is we've been
- 19 working with Office of Public Affairs who's working with a
- 20 consultant to possibly develop a new logo and look and
- 21 feel for our print material. And understand they're
- 22 working on 3 different wastestreams right now and then
- 23 after they develop the wastestream, they're going to be
- 24 developing a tool kit.
- 25 One of our contracts to the certified collection

- 1 center, in that contract we also have a tool kit. So once
- 2 Office of Public Affairs finalizes what the tool kit will
- 3 be we'll use that as a template for our oil outreach to
- 4 give to local jurisdictions. So this line item is to
- 5 support the incorporation of that took kit for the oil
- 6 program.
- 7 Next, we have proposed is \$75,000 for signage at
- 8 certified collection centers. And as I said before,
- 9 collection centers really are the backbone of this
- 10 program. And we supply signage for each of our collection
- 11 centers each year throughout the state of California. We
- 12 currently are piloting the use of different signs with
- 13 different messages, color and language that will appeal to
- 14 different communities. So this line item does support the
- 15 CCC statewide.
- Our next proposed expenditure is \$80,000 for used
- 17 oil and filter recycling ads in our DMV handbooks. The
- 18 handbooks are in 6 different languages. It includes
- 19 targeted publications for both boaters, youth,
- 20 motorcyclists. And more than 4.5 million copies are
- 21 printed and distributed each year to new drivers and to
- 22 drivers who are renewing their driver's license.
- Our last line item is \$15,000 for partnerships
- 24 such as organizations with PSI, which is Product
- 25 Stewardship Institute or to participate in events that may

- 1 come up that we think or Office of Public Affairs thinks
- 2 we ought to have a presence in.
- 3 An before I discuss the 2 research proposals, I'd
- 4 like to show you some samples of the publications that are
- 5 in the DMV handbook.
- 6 --000--
- 7 MS. YEE: This is one of them and this is in
- 8 Spanish. And what I'd like to point out is that right now
- 9 the message says recycled used oil and filters. And what
- 10 we would like to do is probably change it to say take the
- 11 last step based on research that was done by Dr. Schultz,
- 12 where he said that when he did message testing, he found
- 13 that people were responding and recycling used oil when
- 14 the message, "Take The Last Step", was given to them
- 15 rather than recycle used oil. It didn't have as big of an
- 16 impact. So in all of our DMV advertisement, we're going
- 17 change it to "Take The Last Step".
- 18 So I just wanted you to see that, you know, as we
- 19 learn more about the program, as we do the research, we
- 20 are kind of incorporating it into other aspects of our
- 21 program.
- 22 --000--
- MS. YEE: Now, this message is put in our boating
- 24 driver's handbook. And as you can see, it links illegal
- 25 dumping of used oil with stormwater pollution. So to me

- 1 advertising in DMV handbook, I believe is probably one of
- 2 the most effective means of covering a wide audience at a
- 3 low cost, because it's almost like an awareness campaign.
- 4 And we're targeting not only vehicle drivers, but we're
- 5 also targeting the boaters, the motorcyclists and
- 6 teenagers and the immigrant population in their own
- 7 language. It's in Chinese, Tagalog, Russian, Vietnamese
- 8 and Korean.
- 9 --000--
- 10 MS. YEE: For this upcoming we're proposing 2
- 11 research projects. The first one is \$120,000 to identify
- 12 marina collection sites. What we want to do is identify
- 13 strategic opportunities for used oil collection programs
- 14 at over -- currently we have over 500 marinas in the state
- 15 of California. And we know that keeping oil out of the
- 16 waterway is extremely critical. And some local
- 17 jurisdictions have been progressive, as you saw with Lake
- 18 Perris, where they did a boaters kickoff. But we know
- 19 that for over 60 percent of the marinas, there isn't any
- 20 kind of collection sites. So not all of them aren't as
- 21 progressive.
- 22 What we want to accomplish with this research is
- 23 to identify and prioritize those marinas who might be good
- 24 candidates to work with our local grantees to site a
- 25 collection center. We also want to know how effective are

- 1 these sites at collecting used oil. And with that
- 2 information we can establish model programs that we can
- 3 distribute statewide and provide technical assistance to
- 4 them.
- 5 And the research addressed here supports 3 of our
- 6 implementation strategies. It helps us to maximize our
- 7 oil collection infrastructure, which is Strategy 1. It
- 8 promotes pollution prevention into our waterway, which is
- 9 Strategy 2. And it also promotes program improvement
- 10 through transfers of best practices. And, in this case,
- 11 we will try to create model boating programs, which is
- 12 Strategy 7.
- 13 The second research project is a model
- 14 infrastructure guidance manual. And what we're trying to
- 15 do here is to develop a manual and blueprint of used oil
- 16 HHW facilities. And this manual gives information to the
- 17 local jurisdictions to identify the type of facility they
- 18 might need for the community. Because what we want to do
- 19 with our blueprint is to develop maybe economy type permit
- 20 facility at a medium and a large kind of like your
- 21 Cadillac facility. And to have those blueprints available
- 22 for our grantees to use to help them determine, you know,
- 23 for their community what type of facility do they need.
- 24 Also, what is a reasonable cost for such structure. And
- 25 also to consider different issues when they're ready to

- 1 build a facility: Like what kind of planning must they
- 2 do; what kind of equipment do they need; and what kind of
- 3 operational guidance is required of them.
- 4 So given the decrease in funding and demand for
- 5 efficiency as well as our local jurisdictions asking for
- 6 this, we wanted to propose this project so that we can
- 7 have this available as a tool for our local jurisdictions.
- 8 Also, this proposal supports our universal waste action
- 9 plan.
- 10 --000--
- 11 MS. YEE: Our last funding item is \$27,000. And
- 12 the Used Oil Program traditionally does support other
- 13 board activities. In this case, it will be supporting our
- 14 student assistants in other units for \$27,000.
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- MS. YEE: And that concludes my presentation and
- 17 update. And what I would recommend -- staff recommends
- 18 that the Board approves the proposed allocation and
- 19 contract concepts for fiscal year 05/06 and adopt
- 20 Resolution 2005-321.
- 21 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you, Kristen.
- Do we have any questions?
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Kristen, Hi. On the
- 24 curbside collection of motor oil, how many cities -- how
- 25 many jurisdictions do we have in the state that are doing

- 1 that or approximately?
- 2 MS. YEE: I don't have the results of that, but I
- 3 can get back to you on it.
- 4 Eighty.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Eighty. So is it
- 6 working?
- 7 MS. YEE: I think there's been mixed reviews.
- 8 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION I SUPERVISOR
- 9 CORNWALL: In jurisdictions where they have curbside, the
- 10 collection at certified centers -- I'm sorry, Bonnie
- 11 Cornwall, Used Oil Program -- in communities where there
- 12 are both curbside collection and the collection -- the
- 13 certified collection centers, significantly more oil is
- 14 collected at the centers rather than at the curb.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Okay. Interesting.
- 16 I'm just wondering because in Santa Monica we did this way
- 17 back when. And the problems we had with illegal dumping,
- 18 because they put it outside the recycling, even though we
- 19 were certified outside the recycling centers, a lot of --
- 20 we ended up with PCBs and other things. So I'm just
- 21 wondering how that's all played out.
- 22 And then the collection -- in the reviews we got
- 23 in Santa Monica was the curbside collection they liked
- 24 doing it that way, because it was just more convenient.
- 25 But then the hassle was is we had to bring it in the

- 1 center, turn the containers -- unscrew the containers,
- 2 turn them upside down in a bin and drain them. And this
- 3 was 15 years ago, but I just was wondering how it was
- 4 going and if more cities were adopting it on the curbside
- 5 side.
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Maybe I'd just comment from
- 7 something from my own personal experience. Sacramento
- 8 County, you know, has a curbside collection program, but
- 9 it's not just for used oil. It collects all sorts of
- 10 other recyclables. And I think, you know, my
- 11 understanding in those cities or jurisdictions where
- 12 there's kind of combined programs, you know, where the oil
- 13 collection is kind of an adjunct to their normal recycling
- 14 efforts, you know, then it's a much more convenient way
- 15 and a more cost effective way, you know, to collect the
- 16 oil.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Well, that's what I
- 18 was talking about.
- 19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Yeah, but I think again the
- 20 comment the concern is when we've tried to -- when some
- 21 jurisdictions have considered just doing oil collection
- 22 programs curbside on their own, they're very expensive.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: No, no. I'm talking
- 24 about when they're collecting everything.
- 25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Sorry about that.
- 2 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION I SUPERVISOR
- 3 CORNWALL: Bonnie Cornwall again. I just wanted to
- 4 comment about the oil left outside the certified centers
- 5 and that's been a big campaign for us in this past year.
- 6 And what we've found to be very effective we've developed
- 7 best management practices for certified centers. And
- 8 we've been doing quite a number of site visits.
- 9 One of the real success stories has been if we
- 10 have community events, like the event featured in
- 11 Huntington Park, at the centers where there's been oil
- 12 left outside, it kind of raises the awareness of the
- 13 program, we have found it decreases significantly.
- 14 So in the past year the reports of oil being left
- 15 outside the certified centers has gone down a great deal.
- 16 And our corporate sponsors, I think, have been very
- 17 gratified by the assistance we've been able to provide.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Great. Okay, thank
- 19 you.
- 20 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: I have several
- 21 questions. So I'll start with some of these items.
- 22 Kristen, could you explain what the \$130,000 for
- 23 the conference what that goes towards?
- 24 MS. YEE: The \$130,000 is really to coordinate
- 25 the conference. What our contractor usually does is they

- 1 have to do site visits. They research which hotels are
- 2 available for our conference. They do all of the
- 3 printing. They develop the design of our brochures, our
- 4 program guides. They coordinate all of our -- like for
- 5 example when I said that we collaborate a lot with all of
- 6 our stakeholders, we have like different committee. We
- 7 have our Training Committee. We have our Program
- 8 Committee. We have our Steering Committee. And the
- 9 coordination of all that takes time and effort. She sets
- 10 up all of our conference calls. She does all of our site
- 11 visits. She coordinates all of the -- when we have 12
- 12 sessions going on, that means contacting possibly 24 to 36
- 13 speakers. It's coordinating the logistics of all of those
- 14 speakers developing their --
- 15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: It's just overall
- 16 conference coordination.
- 17 MS. YEE: It's overall conference planning. And
- 18 then also to pay for the hotel -- well, we subsidize part
- 19 of the hotels for the grantee and the food.
- 20 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay, thank you.
- 21 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION I SUPERVISOR
- 22 CORNWALL: Let me -- Bonnie Cornwall again -- add that we
- 23 anticipate this conference is going to be in southern
- 24 California. And the rates have been more expensive
- 25 historically for us to do it in southern California.

- 1 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay, thank you.
- 2 On the next item, the \$85,000 for outreach
- 3 premiums and printing. You had mentioned a tool kit, and
- 4 so could you explain to me what that tool kit is? What is
- 5 it? What's it look like? How is it used? Who's your
- 6 target?
- 7 MS. YEE: The contract that we have right now is
- 8 with -- to do outreach to increase the number of certified
- 9 collection centers that we have. Part of that contract is
- 10 to develop materials that local jurisdictions can use to
- 11 recruit more certified collection centers. And the
- 12 certified collection centers can be -- what we're most
- 13 familiar with are places like Auto Zones, Kragens, Pep
- 14 Boys. But it could be a small mom and pop auto shop or it
- 15 could be a gas station, or anyone who can set up a
- 16 collection center.
- 17 So the tool kit really is informational,
- 18 brochures, materials for the local jurisdictions to
- 19 understand how to recruit new certified collection centers
- 20 as well as for the certified collection centers in terms
- 21 of how they can administer it. So I can't say that I know
- 22 exactly what all the pieces of it are yet, because we're
- 23 in the process of developing it. And also as Office of
- 24 Public Affairs creates their tool kits for the 3 different
- 25 wastestreams they have, we'll see what it is that we can

- 1 actually utilize from that.
- 2 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. Well, because I
- 3 just have a concern about those dollars being allocated,
- 4 because what I'm reading here is that those dollars would
- 5 be used to work with the Office of Public Affairs to
- 6 develop a statewide motivational used oil filter recycling
- 7 message. And so are we going to be using those dollars
- 8 for that and trying to --
- 9 MS. YEE: Well, some of the things that we do is
- 10 like, for example, when local jurisdictions pass out oil
- 11 containers or funnels, we have labels that we provide to
- 12 them that they can stick on to say that it's, you know,
- 13 part of the Used Oil Program. So right now it's an oil
- 14 drop with a 1-800 number on it.
- 15 If we should change our logo or we should have a
- 16 different message on it, all those labels will have to
- 17 changed. So part of the money will go towards labeling,
- 18 part of it up will be updating our fact sheets that we
- 19 have already in-house, brochures that we have, as well as
- 20 sometimes we advertise in trade magazines. If we're
- 21 trying to target recycling with the agricultural
- 22 community, we might put an add in Farm Bureau magazine or
- 23 something.
- 24 So it's not like we have set in stone all the
- 25 things that we're going to be spending our print material

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- 1 on, but these are kind of the different things that we
- 2 have in the past and it really just kind of depends what
- 3 we have.
- 4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: So basically you're
- 5 saying that -- you're asking for these dollars to be
- 6 allocated --
- 7 MS. YEE: In anticipation --
- 8 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: -- and you just don't
- 9 really have a plan yet.
- 10 MS. YEE: It's an anticipation of -- some of the
- 11 stuff we do do every year and other stuff is an
- 12 anticipation of what might be changing.
- 13 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. Can I -- because
- 14 I want to make sure I understand how this is going to
- 15 work. So then will you be working with the Office of
- 16 Public Affairs to develop a plan and get, you know -- so
- 17 we know that \$5,000 is going towards the new logo or new
- 18 branding, whatever we call it; you know \$10,000 is going
- 19 to go towards, you know, print; \$20,000 is going to go to
- 20 targeted advertising?
- 21 I mean, I'm just -- I just don't understand what
- 22 we're trying to do based on
- 23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: I understand. Perhaps I
- 24 can comment on that, Madam Chair.
- 25 First of all, the overall level of expenditures

- 1 in the \$70,000 to \$80,000 range is what we've historically
- 2 spent for these particular items in the past. I think the
- 3 main difference, which we tried to reinforce in this
- 4 year's item, again, is the close working relationship
- 5 we're going to have with OPA on this. So, you know,
- 6 basically anything that smacks of outreach, you know, we
- 7 go through them for, you know, a thumbs up if you will.
- 8 So we can assure you that again depending on what
- 9 their needs are, that we will be working very closely and
- 10 cooperatively with them, you know, on this area.
- 11 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: So this is your
- 12 printing budget then?
- 13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: I think it's --
- MS. YEE: Yes.
- 15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: I'm still not clear on
- 16 how this is going.
- 17 MS. YEE: Because we have like fact sheets on --
- 18 used oil fact sheets that we pass out to our local
- 19 jurisdictions or we might have a fact sheet about paint,
- 20 oil filters. You know, just any kind of information that
- 21 we want to distribute to our local jurisdiction to educate
- 22 them.
- 23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Madam Chair, what we can do
- 24 is, you know, talk with OPA again, and -- like I said,
- 25 some of their plans, you know, still aren't firmed up, but

- $1\,$ we can go back and see historically and delineate more
- 2 closely, you know, where we've spent money, how this money
- 3 has been spent in the past and then also see if we can get
- 4 some additional guidance from OPA on, you know, what they
- 5 believe that their needs are going to be for this upcoming
- 6 year and bring that back before the Board next week.
- 7 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay, yeah, because
- 8 again I'm going to ask a similar question regarding the
- 9 advertising in the Department of Motor Vehicle driver
- 10 handbook. I mean, you said it's been effective, but we --
- 11 have we measured the effectiveness? Do we know how
- 12 effective, how successful it's been?
- 13 Because I'm just wondering if we can't take those
- 14 dollars and use those in a different way in terms of
- 15 targeted advertising. I'm just not convinced that this is
- 16 the way to go.
- 17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: On the issue on the DMV,
- 18 you know, I think of the various advertising venues that
- 19 we have, we feel that DMV is probably one of the best.
- 20 You know, given the fact that it's, you know, targeting
- 21 the immigrant, you know, population. It includes them as
- 22 well. You know, people that are often -- you know, are
- 23 new to the state looking to establish -- get a driver's
- 24 licenses, you know, this gets the information in front of
- 25 them, you know, the strong used oil recycling message.

- 1 It's in various languages, which our previous research has
- 2 indicated we need to target.
- 3 We feel that it, you know, from what we know
- 4 about media advertising, this is one of the more
- 5 effective. Your question was have we evaluated it? No.
- 6 We're basically going on what we understand. It makes
- 7 good media outreach. And although the program does have a
- 8 -- you know, we are trying to shift the program more away
- 9 from direct media advertising to more of a social
- 10 marketing approach, we do believe that, you know, some
- 11 media advertising is beneficial. And we believe this is
- 12 the best of the various media-related proposals that have
- 13 come before us over the years.
- 14 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. Well, I'm not
- 15 going to belabor that one either. And then the next item,
- 16 the \$120,000 to assess the effectiveness of voter oil
- 17 recycling education and outreach at the marinas. You
- 18 know, I've mentioned this before, the way that I would
- 19 like to see this -- and I guess this is part of our whole
- 20 grants process -- is that when we award a grant, any
- 21 grant, I think that one of the criteria that should be
- 22 included in every Request For Proposal is an evaluation
- 23 criteria.
- 24 Because how are we going to know if we were
- 25 successful if we don't have an evaluation component

- 1 included in every single Request For Proposal and every
- 2 grant that's awarded. And so my question here is I know
- 3 that we've provided grants to, again, as I mentioned
- 4 Western Riverside Council of Governments, and so have we
- 5 not included an evaluation component in those previous
- 6 grant awards?
- 7 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION I SUPERVISOR
- 8 CORNWALL: Yes, we do have an evaluation component in
- 9 those. And each year we get collection data from all the
- 10 block grantees. And they break out how much oil was
- 11 collected at marinas, at airports, et cetera.
- 12 In the case of Western Riverside, the facility
- 13 was built near the end of the grant term, which is pretty
- 14 common. The grants usually take much of the time to build
- 15 the facilities. Luckily for us because we have the
- 16 grant -- because we have the block grant program work with
- 17 every jurisdiction, we are able to get the evaluation data
- 18 years after we actually do the project.
- 19 That's not always the case in some of the other
- 20 grants, because we have no leverage on the grantees years
- 21 after the grant term.
- 22 However, in this particular instance, the project
- 23 that we're proposing really builds on the success of the
- 24 Western Riverside project and others. What we find when
- 25 you look at our process of increasing the productivity of

- 1 the grantees, is that typically they are a number of early
- 2 innovators who do an innovative project. Western
- 3 Riverside is an example of someone who heard about the
- 4 project at one of the info exchanges or the conference and
- 5 took it on on their own.
- 6 The jurisdictions that do that, you know, may be
- 7 less than 10 percent of them. So what do we do about the
- 8 other 90 percent that probably should have these kind of
- 9 programs in their communities?
- 10 So our feeling was that we needed some sort of
- 11 statewide strategy that prioritized the different marina
- 12 locations, so that our grant managers could, through their
- 13 technical assistance, work in those communities where
- 14 there are marinas without collection facilities, and use
- 15 existing block grant dollars to construct some of those
- 16 facilities.
- 17 But we really need some sort of overall plan and
- 18 strategy to assess where we should put our technical
- 19 assistance efforts. And we believe that's what this
- 20 particular contract will give us.
- 21 In addition, we're partnering with a new agency,
- 22 Boating and Waterways, that has been somewhat reluctant to
- 23 dive into this, if you will. And we think this really
- 24 helps to bring them on board, so that it becomes a core
- 25 part of their activities.

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1 So I think while we talk about -- and maybe the

- 2 title is a little bit wrong in the initial item -- while
- 3 we're looking to aggregate all the assessment date from
- 4 the different evaluations, that's another thing that
- 5 happens. In the grant programs, you individually evaluate
- 6 each program, but then you have to aggregate that data and
- 7 make comparisons, and see why is this one different from
- 8 that one and what's the overall story?
- 9 So we're really hoping to have that all pulled
- 10 together with this contract, and as I said, then give our
- 11 staff the tool and strategy to go back out and actually
- 12 work with those marinas using existing dollars from the
- 13 block grant program.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Excuse me, but the
- 15 marinas traditionally have not been on board? There's
- 16 very few that are participating in the programs?
- 17 MS. YEE: Right. There's over like 500 marinas
- 18 wide and only less than 200 really have collection sites
- 19 now, so it's about 33 percent.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Wow. That's a good
- 21 target. Okay, great.
- 22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Madam Chair, is there some
- 23 way that we could make this particular item more
- 24 palatable. I'm hearing that you wanted to see a stronger
- 25 emphasis on evaluation, which I believe we intend to

- 1 include.
- 2 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: I think, yeah, there
- 3 were a number of things that, you know, first and foremost
- 4 is I think we need to -- or I think it would be a good
- 5 idea if you could work with the Office of Public Affairs
- 6 to flesh this out a little bit more. I read one thing.
- 7 I'm hearing another thing. And so what I would like to do
- 8 with the concurrence of the Committee is to have this come
- 9 back to us to the full board next week, if that's okay,
- 10 because I just think that there's -- I'm reading one
- 11 thing, but I'm hearing another thing. And I just want to
- 12 make sure that we're clear as to what we're spending this
- 13 \$622,000 for, because this is a lot of money.
- 14 And I want to make sure that it's thought out and
- 15 that we're thinking about the bigger picture and how this
- 16 fits into our overall goals. And I'm just not making that
- 17 connection right now, as the item is presented to me.
- 18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: I understand. We'll take
- 19 another cut at this and, you know, try and flesh it out at
- 20 the Board meeting next week.
- 21 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you very much.
- Okay, our next item.
- 23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Committee Item C, Board
- 24 Item 9 is Consideration of Scope of Work and Agreement to
- 25 Conduct Tire Forums Throughout The State of California,

- 1 Tire Recycling Management Fund Fiscal Year 2005/6.
- The item before you today is to implement Board
- 3 direction as received during the Five Year Tire planning
- 4 review and approval process and to confirm the \$100,000
- 5 funding allocation to support this program.
- 6 Specifically, we are proposing to conduct on an
- 7 as-needed basis with the assistance of a contractor a
- 8 series of forums and seminars to advise, educate and
- 9 interact with stakeholders on a variety of tire issues.
- 10 In accordance with Board direction in the May 2005 5 Year
- 11 Plan revision, this proposal is a departure from the
- 12 single event conference venues which had been a staple of
- 13 earlier 5-year plans.
- 14 I'll now ask Victoria Rocha to make the remainder
- 15 of the staff presentation.
- MS. ROCHA: Good afternoon, Committee Members. I
- 17 am Victoria Rocha from Tire Management Branch of the
- 18 Product Promotion and Assistance Section. This
- 19 presentation is for Committee Item C, Consideration of
- 20 Scope of Work and Agreement to Conduct Tire Forums
- 21 Throughout the State of California.
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- 23 MS. ROCHA: The purpose of these tire forums is
- 24 to promote alternatives to landfill disposal of used and
- 25 waste tires, to increase awareness of the California

- 1 Integrated Waste Management Board enforcement policies and
- 2 to promote a forum for the interactive discussions of
- 3 solutions to waste tire problems.
- 4 The Board approved the 5-year plan allocating
- 5 funds for fiscal year 2005/2006 for \$100,000.
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- 7 MS. ROCHA: During the 5-year plan process, the
- 8 Board determined that smaller venues would be more cost
- 9 effective and conducive towards the direction and vision
- 10 of the Board. The forums will collaborate with League of
- 11 California Cities, Rubber Pavements Association, Chambers
- 12 of Commerce, U.S. EPA's Resource Conservation Challenge
- 13 and Border 2012 to name a few.
- 14 This agreement will allow the Board the
- 15 flexibility to respond more quickly as events arise.
- 16 --00o--
- 17 MS. ROCHA: These tire events may take the form
- 18 of regional trainings, workshops, statewide mini
- 19 conference or collaborations with existing venues and will
- 20 provide attendees with up-to-date information on the
- 21 Board's waste tire management processes that most affect
- 22 that audience.
- These forums will provide venues to discuss
- 24 individual aspects of waste tire management processes,
- 25 including hauling, manifests, cleanup, proper disposal,

- 1 recycling technologies and research and market development
- 2 activities.
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- 4 MS. ROCHA: Staff recommends that the Board
- 5 approve the scope of work and California State University,
- 6 Sacramento as contractor for the tire forums and adopt
- 7 Resolution number 2005-322.
- 8 This concludes my presentation. Thank you. And
- 9 do you have any questions?
- 10 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Do we have any
- 11 questions?
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: No, I'm fine.
- ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Board member Peace?
- 14 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Do you have any idea of
- 15 forums you'll be able to have with this \$100,000?
- 16 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: Well,
- 17 we're looking at anywhere from 6 to 10 forums. My name is
- 18 Mitch Delmage. I'm the manager of the tire branch.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I was happy to see this item
- 20 and to try it this way, because I think this is going to
- 21 work where we can be more focused on the different areas,
- 22 whether it's RAC, whether it's enforcement issues, so I'm
- 23 happy to see this.
- 24 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: Thank
- 25 you.

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- 1 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you. I, too, am
- 2 happy to see that we're moving in this direction and we're
- 3 reaching out to certain targeted audiences.
- 4 So thank you very much. It's a good job.
- 5 And do I have a motion?
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: I so move.
- 7 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Board Member Petersen
- 8 moves Resolution 2005-322 and I second that.
- 9 Would you please call the roll.
- 10 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BALLUCH: Petersen?
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Aye.
- 12 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BALLUCH: Mulé.
- ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: And so we have 2 ayes.
- 14 And one -- that's it. So I guess we can move this one on
- 15 to fiscal consent.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 17 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you.
- 18 And our next item, Jim.
- 19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Committee Item D, Board
- 20 Item 10 is Presentation of Results of Work Performed in
- 21 Accordance With Interagency Agreement IWM-04055 with San
- 22 Jose State University Foundation to Develop a Model for
- 23 Use of Currently Available Satellite Imagery to Locate
- 24 Waste Tire Piles in California.
- 25 Staff believes that the results of this work are

- 1 very encouraging and that satellite imagery can be a
- 2 useful adjunct or supplement to our current surveillance
- 3 activities.
- 4 If the Committee concurs with staff's assessment,
- 5 we will come back to you at a later time with a
- 6 consideration item for integrating this surveillance tool
- 7 into our overall enforcement program.
- 8 I'll now ask Darryl Petker to introduce the
- 9 contractor to make a short presentation
- 10 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 11 Presented as follows.)
- 12 MR. PETKER: Thank you, Committee members. My
- 13 name is Darryl Petker. I work in the Special Waste
- 14 Division.
- 15 I'll just take a couple seconds, a little brief
- 16 history for Mr. Petersen. We've been working on this for
- 17 about a year. The thought was to provide an additional
- 18 tool for enforcement personnel to kind of keep an eye on
- 19 wastetire piles as they grow, monitor or locate new ones
- 20 in isolated areas throughout California.
- 21 The contractors will kind of give you our results
- 22 as we went, but the idea again was to provide an
- 23 additional tool which Mr. Lee talked about. I think it's
- 24 promising. It looks good. So we're eager to hear what
- 25 you have to say.

- 1 So with that, I'll introduce Catherine Huybrechts
- 2 -- Catherine, come on up -- who will give the presentation
- 3 and then we'll be around for any questions. Again this is
- 4 a presentation. We're not asking you to make a decision.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 MS. HUYBRECHTS: Good afternoon. My name is
- 7 Catherine Huybrechts and I'm the project manager for the
- 8 Detecting Waste Tires Project.
- 9 The California Integrated Waste Management Board
- 10 commissioned NASA Ames Research Center DEVELOP program to
- 11 conduct this pilot project. And we received
- 12 administrative support from San Jose State University
- 13 Foundation.
- 14 Becky Quinlan, who's seated behind me, was my
- 15 project colleague. She and I are interns at the DEVELOP
- 16 program, which will be explained further on the next
- 17 slide.
- 18 Our mentors at NASA are Cindy Schmidt and Dr. J.
- 19 Skiles. Darryl Petker is the project coordinator
- 20 representative for the Waste Board.
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- MS. HUYBRECHTS: The DEVELOP program is a student
- 23 led student run internship program, which produces earth
- 24 science-based pilot research projects with supervision
- 25 from NASA scientists.

- We combined field work with NASA facilities,
- 2 techniques, computers and technology. Our projects are
- 3 directed towards community development, management, local
- 4 policy and/or environmental issues in support of
- 5 decision-support tools.
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- 7 MS. HUYBRECHTS: As the Committee is aware,
- 8 concern for this issue lies in the fact that waste tire
- 9 piles pose potential environmental threats in the form of
- 10 toxic fires and mosquito habitat. Previously techniques
- 11 used to find tires have included CHP aerial surveillance,
- 12 communication with local contacts, file and records checks
- 13 and follow-up on location tips.
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- 15 MS. HUYBRECHTS: The goal of this pilot project
- 16 was to use commercially available high resolution
- 17 satellite imagery to locate and map illegal waste tire
- 18 piles in 2 climate regions of California. To accomplish
- 19 this goal, we used the following techniques and tools:
- 20 Standard image analysis methods; pertinent geospatial
- 21 technology and computer automation.
- 22 We designed our methods with this, objective
- 23 create a methodology with end-user functionality that
- 24 rapidly and consistently analyzes satellite imagery.
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- 1 MS. HUYBRECHTS: At the beginning of the project,
- 2 we conducted an extensive survey of government agencies
- 3 across the nation and Mexico in order to gain a
- 4 comprehensive understanding of current and previous
- 5 techniques and technology used to locate tire piles. We
- 6 found no employment of computer assisted analysis or use
- 7 of satellite imagery to locate waste tire piles.
- 8 The map displayed is a picture of those states
- 9 which expressed interest in automating the process of
- 10 locating and mapping tire piles. Constituents in Mexico
- 11 also expressed interest in the technology.
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- 13 MS. HUYBRECHTS: One of the benefits to using
- 14 satellite imagery is an ability to see features that are
- 15 not visible to the naked eye.
- The 4 images on this slide illustrate how one
- 17 landscape or area can vary when viewed -- pardon me, can
- 18 vary when viewed using different waive lengths of light,
- 19 which are inherent to satellite imagery.
- 20 Panchromatic refers to a gray scale light.
- 21 "True" Color is how humans see color. Near- and
- 22 mid-infrared refer to different color combinations of
- 23 light wave lengths. These color combinations are tools
- 24 that allow us to search or identify different aspects of
- 25 the terrain.

- 1 The Landsat TM satellite is owned and operated by
- 2 the U.S. government. In this project we used commercially
- 3 available space imaging IKONOS satellite imagery, which
- 4 has a much higher spatial resolution thank Landsat.
- 5 --000--
- 6 MS. HUYBRECHTS: Our study areas chosen by CIWMB
- 7 include 2 climatic regions of California, coastal and
- 8 desert. The 4 images on the screen are the actual study
- 9 areas sites. These images you see are displayed in color
- 10 infrared, which means that all vegetation appears red.
- 11 Each site encompasses over 100 kilometers squared
- 12 or approximately 62 miles squared. At all 4 sites the
- 13 Waste Board provided us with at least one waste tire pile
- 14 to calibrate our methods. Field work was also conducted
- 15 at Sites 2, 3 and 4 to further understand the study areas.
- 16 --00o--
- 17 MS. HUYBRECHTS: We visited study areas in both
- 18 regions to observe typical characteristics of the land
- 19 cover, the climate region and waste tire piles. At sites
- 20 1 and 2, the coastal climate, tires are primarily used to
- 21 control erosion.
- In sites 3 and 4, the desert climate, tires are
- 23 primarily used on agricultural land as wind breaks, on
- 24 abandoned property or as fences. During field work, we
- 25 met with field inspectors, which was very important to the

- 1 success of our project. The discussion between
- 2 inspectors, managers and our team was beneficial to
- 3 understanding tire piles and land-use patterns in a manner
- 4 that could only be ascertained with firsthand knowledge.
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- 6 MS. HUYBRECHTS: This slide illustrates the
- 7 methodology we created to automate the process of
- 8 identifying waste tire piles in satellite imagery. We
- 9 call this process the TIRe model. TIRe stands for Tire
- 10 Identification from Reflectance. This sole input to the
- 11 TIRe model is a satellite image. The model eliminates
- 12 over 99 percent of the image leaving behind only dark
- 13 pixels containing tires and other spectrally similar
- 14 objects.
- 15 The remaining 1 percent of pixels are visually
- 16 analyzed in conjunction with the original image to make
- 17 the final product, a map of tire sites tailored to CIWMB
- 18 inspector's needs.
- 19 The picture on the right is displayed in color
- 20 infrared, which means vegetation, in this case blackberry
- 21 and other riparian bushes appear reddish pink. The gray
- 22 tan color is dry grass, and the green pixels represent the
- 23 output from the TIRe model superimposed on top of what are
- 24 2 very large tire piles.
- The blue-gray outline around the vegetation and

- 1 tires is a fire road. This site, on a family farm in
- 2 Sonoma, was used for calibration and model development.
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- 4 MS. HUYBRECHTS: This slide animates the 4 steps
- 5 involved in processing imagery for waste tire piles. The
- 6 reference image is of Sonoma county.
- 7 First, a satellite image is input to the TIRe
- 8 model. Second, the TIRe model identifies the darkest
- 9 features in the image, including tires. The green pixels
- 10 equal output from the TIRe model. The red arrows were
- 11 added for easy reference to the TIRe model output.
- 12 Third, the analyst uses visual analysis
- 13 techniques to distinguish tires from other dark features.
- 14 Purple circles equal known tire sites, orange circles
- 15 equal new tire sites.
- 16 Fourth, a hard copy map of the final results is
- 17 produced for field inspectors and managers.
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- 19 MS. HUYBRECHTS: This is an example of one of the
- 20 hardcopy maps that we produced for the Waste Board. Each
- 21 map is approximately 3 by 3 feet and features known and
- 22 suspected waste tire sites, a grid coordinate system, and
- 23 a road layer for navigation in the field. Parcel maps can
- 24 be displayed on these hardcopy maps so property ownership
- 25 is known.

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- 1 The yellow circles represent sites that were
- 2 identified with the TIRe model. The green circles
- 3 represent sites that were known to CIWMB.
- 4 The inset is provided to allow for a detailed
- 5 review of the map. We also produced a written list of the
- 6 suspected tire sites, with longitude latitude coordinates
- 7 for each study area.
- 8 --000--
- 9 MS. HUYBRECHTS: This slide features the
- 10 statistics compiled to date on the accuracy of our methods
- 11 and the TIRe model. To test the validity of the
- 12 technology, the Waste Board established at least 3 target
- 13 sites per study area, which remained unknown to NASA for
- 14 the duration of the project. This state is shown in the
- 15 first row.
- 16 The second row displays the results from the --
- 17 I'm sorry. The second row displays the results from the
- 18 TIRe model's ability to identify the target sites at each
- 19 study area. The third row displays our identification of
- 20 at least one new waste tire pile in both Sonoma West and
- 21 Coachella --
- 22 --000--
- 23 MS. HUYBRECHTS: -- which were previously unknown
- 24 to CIWMB. Data is still being collected for the study
- 25 areas, and there is a possibility that more waste tire

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- 1 piles will be located.
- 2 The TIRe model produced false positives at each
- 3 study site. False positives were commonly attributed to
- 4 shadows, water, debris piles and features with TIRe model
- 5 content, such as black tarps, polyethylene tubing and
- 6 parking lots. Continued communication with field
- 7 inspectors will dramatically reduce the number of false
- 8 positives.
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- 10 MS. HUYBRECHTS: The benefits of this technology
- 11 are as follows: It reduces time required by CHP and
- 12 others to initially survey a region for tire sites and
- 13 increases inspectors/managers time for mediation of sites;
- 14 it provides a synoptic, geographically accurate survey of
- 15 an area; Geographic Information Systems, or GIS, used to
- 16 create the hardcopy maps can be customized to inspector's
- 17 and manager's geospatial and visual preferences.
- 18 We would like the Committee to know that
- 19 satellite imagery is a readily commercially-available
- 20 product, and that this unique technology may be further
- 21 developed for use in locating and mapping environmental
- 22 nuisances, such as oil spills, landfills or other
- 23 waste-related issues.
- 24 --000--
- MS. HUYBRECHTS: In conclusion, there are 3

- 1 points that I would like to bring to the attention of the
- 2 Committee.
- 3 First, effective communication between analysts
- 4 and inspectors is essential to successful results.
- 5 Second, the model accurately located all waste
- 6 tire piles used for testing and located at least 2 new
- 7 sites.
- 8 Third, our project was completed on time and
- 9 within budget.
- 10 And lastly, I would like to say on behalf of
- 11 myself and my team at NASA, it was a pleasure working with
- 12 this Special Waste Committee, Mr. Darryl Petker and your
- 13 associates within CIWMB. We are pleased with the results
- 14 of this work and we thank the Committee for the
- 15 opportunity to develop such a technology.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 Any questions?
- 18 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you, Catherine.
- 19 Questions?
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: I think this is
- 21 really neat. We can go get the bad guys. This is great.
- I have one question though, if you're color blind
- 23 and you're in this thing, you're out of business, right?
- 24 (Laughter.)
- MS. HUYBRECHTS: Yeah.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: I'm out of business.
- 2 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Board Member Peace.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I just had one question, how
- 4 big do the tire piles have to be in order to be picked up
- 5 and can you calibrate that number also, like if you wanted
- 6 to pickup anything over 1,000 tires or anything over 500
- 7 tires?
- 8 MS. HUYBRECHTS: We were able to locate tire
- 9 piles that were as small as 100 tires. It gets difficult
- 10 when they're smaller than that. The spatial resolution of
- 11 the imagery is 4 by 4 meters, about 12 by 12 feet. And it
- 12 helps if the tires are condensed into one particular
- 13 location rather than just spread all over the ground.
- 14 About 100 tires is the very best we can do. If you get --
- 15 there's a higher spatial resolution satellite imagery
- 16 available, but it's more expensive. So with this
- 17 particular imagery, that was as good as we got, but that
- 18 was --
- 19 MR. PETKER: If I might add, the target value
- 20 that we gave them was all tire piles over 500. And in the
- 21 target areas, we didn't pick all of the areas that had 500
- 22 tires, we just gave them a select few to target. But
- 23 anything over 500 the maps came up with. And there were
- 24 some other that were lower that they also found.
- 25 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Good.

- 1 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: And when you talk about
- 2 expense, I think this is expensive, so it wouldn't be like
- 3 we'd go out and do the whole State, so we're just going to
- 4 what according to what our inspectors -- our waste tire
- 5 inspectors think there might be a problem in a certain
- 6 area, then we'll go and we'll say we want you to check
- 7 this little particular area?
- 8 MS. HUYBRECHTS: Ideally that's exactly how we
- 9 can do it. And we can get archived or new imagery, both
- 10 are available for a particular region. You can get
- 11 anywhere from, I think, the smallest area is about 40
- 12 miles squared and then anything larger than that. You can
- 13 have the whole State mapped. That would be more expensive
- 14 and it's not necessarily what we need or what the Board
- 15 needs. So targeted would be the best.
- BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Right. Okay, thank you.
- 17 MR. PETKER: We will be coming up with some costs
- 18 in the final report. They're putting the end on it, and
- 19 we'll have some numbers that give general guidelines of
- 20 what those costs might be depending on the size that we're
- 21 looking at.
- 22 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you.
- Thank you, all. Good work. Thank you.
- 24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 25 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay, next item.

- 1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Committee Item E, Board
- 2 Item 11 is Update, Status and Consideration of Options and
- 3 Allocations for Remediation of Groundwater Contamination
- 4 at the Tracy Tire Fire Site, Tire Recycling Management
- 5 Fund Fiscal year 2005/6.
- 6 Staff had expected that we would be concluding
- 7 remediation activities of the Tracy site by December of
- 8 this year, and within the funds currently allocated to the
- 9 project. However, unanticipated groundwater problems
- 10 recently discovered at the site have required that we
- 11 revise our time schedule for project completion and that
- 12 we request additional funding consideration. I'll now ask
- 13 Todd Thalhammer and Bob Fujii to complete the remainder of
- 14 the staff presentation and provide more detail about the
- 15 circumstances surrounding this development.
- 16 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank. Good afternoon,
- 17 Todd.
- 18 MR. THALHAMMER: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and
- 19 Board Members. Todd Thalhammer, Integrated Waste
- 20 Management Board.
- 21 This is kind of a long item. We'll kind of throw
- 22 everything in here, including the kitchen sink, but this
- 23 is an update, a status and consideration of options and
- 24 allocations for remediation of the groundwater
- 25 contamination at the Tracy Tire Fire site.

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- 2 MR. THALHAMMER: I'll quickly provide a summary;
- 3 we'll talk quickly on the status of the contaminated
- 4 groundwater that we did discover at Tracy; some
- 5 alternatives to handle that issue; and we also will
- 6 discuss funding options for the Board.
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- 8 MR. THALHAMMER: To provide you with a status --
- 9 okay, we're going good. We've met the cleanup goals for
- 10 the hazardous waste on the entire 50 acres. So the site,
- 11 as far as the heavy metals is concerned, has been
- 12 completed. We've removed 98 percent of the Class II
- 13 contaminated soils, which is all pyrolytic oil saturated
- 14 material. Unfortunately, for us in late August we
- 15 discovered along the north particular slope of the
- 16 facility that we had groundwater contamination.
- 17 Just as a side note in the next slide you'll see
- 18 last week we were doing site restoration and grading and
- 19 preparing the site for closure, we discovered 4 drums on
- 20 one of the sites. So just to kind of give you a
- 21 perspective, we had an owner of a facility that, shall we
- 22 say, did not comply with, shall we say, normal regulations
- 23 what it came to just his even used oil. So this was
- 24 actually as of last week, so we're continuing to, shall we
- 25 say, discover unknowns even just doing light grading.

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- 2 MR. THALHAMMER: So project to date, contractors
- 3 have removed a total of 382,000 tons. And I'll kind of
- 4 give you a perspective of what that means in a minute.
- 5 Seven hundred and thirty thousand tons of Class I
- 6 hazardous waste was shipped to Kettleman; 200,000 tons was
- 7 shipped to a facility in Stockton; and 144,000 tons of
- 8 altered tires were also shipped. So we actually did find
- 9 some buried tires that didn't burn. It took me a little
- 10 while but I found them. To give you an idea of what that
- 11 took, it was 15,943 truck trips.
- 12 --000--
- MR. THALHAMMER: So what does that mean?
- 14 Well, if one is to use the Cal EPA building, it's
- 15 a gross of 950,000 square feet. Waste would be over 7
- 16 foot -- 7 feet of waste on each floor.
- Using a football field, the waste would be 119
- 18 feet or up to the 8th floor of the Cal EPA building.
- 19 Using the number of haulers to remove the waste,
- 20 one could park trucks end to end from downtown Sacramento
- 21 to downtown Oakland and back. Okay, so we shipped over
- 22 150 miles one way of waste from one tire fire.
- To give you a perspective of what that was, that
- 24 was about 8 million tires that caught fire.
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- 1 MR. THALHAMMER: So that was the good news.
- 2 The remaining issues we have. Soil contamination
- 3 and groundwater contamination. The discovery of both of
- 4 the plumes and alternatives to deal with these issues.
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- 6 MR. THALHAMMER: I'm going to provide a little
- 7 history and a little perspective of where we've been and
- 8 how we got to where we are. So some of the questions in
- 9 the past is, you know, how did we find or how did we miss
- 10 this groundwater or this additional contamination. So
- 11 we'll go through this.
- 12 Just after the fire was suppressed by the CIWMB,
- 13 U.S. EPA took over the project to do the site
- 14 investigation. They installed 4 groundwater wells as you
- 15 can see in red.
- ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: And Todd, when were
- 17 they installed?
- 18 MR. THALHAMMER: They were installed basically
- 19 late 2000 early 2001, the 4 groundwaters. They had also
- 20 assumed the groundwater flow was in this collection
- 21 towards Monitoring Well 1.
- 22 After they were installed and they were sampled,
- 23 we determined the groundwater was actually flowing the
- 24 other -- about 15 to 30 degrees the other direction. So
- 25 in consultation with the regional water board and our

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- 1 consultant LFR, we elected to install an additional well.
- 2 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: We installed that or
- 3 the Water Board installed it?
- 4 MR. THALHAMMER: Yes, we did. We installed well
- 5 number 5.
- 6 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Can I ask why the
- 7 EPA -- how the U.S. EPA got phased out of that or how did
- 8 come they were no longer involved in that?
- 9 MR. THALHAMMER: EPA, during the fire,
- 10 basically -- the Board took the forefront of actually
- 11 suppressing the fire, so we took over the expenditure of
- 12 the fire. Part of that deal was we would put the fire out
- 13 if U.S. EPA would come in and do the Phase 1 site
- 14 investigation for us. That was an agreement we made with
- 15 them. So we put the fire out, they did the Phase 1
- 16 investigation.
- Just to give a little perspective on this, we
- 18 have sampled this series of wells 8 different times for 3
- 19 years. We've had non-detects out of all the wells. So no
- 20 volatile organics, semi-volatile organics, no TRPH. So we
- 21 were fairly confident at the time when we came to the
- 22 Board that there was no groundwater contamination.
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- MR. THALHAMMER: Now, this will give you a
- 25 perspective of after all the Class I was removed, where

- 1 did we have pyrolytic oil contamination throughout the
- 2 site?
- 3 All this areas in yellow were areas that we have
- 4 excavated pyrolytic oil out from.
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- 6 MR. THALHAMMER: This is a close up of the area
- 7 of the groundwater contamination. We have a series of
- 8 wells. You can see to your right-hand side. This MW-2
- 9 was at 0. MW-1, which as at the top of site, it was at 0.
- 10 MW-5 was 0. MW-7 is basically 120. These are micrograms
- 11 per liter. The cleanup goal for this particular project
- 12 is 100 micrograms per liter, that's parts per billion,
- 13 just for quick conversion.
- To give you an idea, once we found the
- 15 groundwater contamination, next to MW-6, we immediately
- 16 installed an additional well. And we have had levels in
- 17 that well that started at 1,000. They are now down to
- 18 330. To define this plume, we put in Soil Boring 1 and
- 19 Soil Boring 2. Unfortunately, we got the results back
- 20 approximately 3 weeks ago. Soil Boring 1 has 51,000
- 21 micrograms per liter of TRPH -- or TPH and Soil Boring 2
- 22 has 51,000.
- So we feel that we've got the plume defined
- 24 basically because of the fact that we have a consistent
- 25 history with MW-5 and MW-1. So our plume is approximately

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- 1 in this area here. The next slide will show that.
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- 3 MR. THALHAMMER: The yellow is gone because it
- 4 has been removed. So this is exactly what is left at
- 5 Tracy. We have a spot approximately 120 feet long, 20 to
- 6 25 feet wide and about 5 feet thick. Now, in this
- 7 two-dimensional map it looks pretty easy. Unfortunately
- 8 for us there's about 85 feet of soil on top.
- 9 --00--
- 10 MR. THALHAMMER: This is what's going to have to
- 11 be removed in order to remove that lens of contamination.
- 12 In other words, in order to project the slope back, this
- 13 is what you'd have to remove.
- 14 --000--
- 15 MR. THALHAMMER: So let's look at a conceptual
- 16 cross section to kind of get an idea of what we're talking
- 17 about. The area in yellow was what we've excavated out at
- 18 Tracy. Throughout that fire pit, we've excavated all
- 19 this.
- 20 During August we came down. We hit groundwater.
- 21 We excavated 2 to 3 feet below groundwater. We dewatered
- 22 the zone first, excavated out the material and then
- 23 brought clean material back in.
- 24 As we were excavating this material, we realized
- 25 we had a pocket of material that was left. This is the

- 1 pocket that we're talk targeting with this particular cut
- 2 back. In order to cut this back, you can see with the
- 3 slope projection this is what we would have to take off.
- 4 There is one other spot on the site that we have
- 5 not met our cleanup goals and that's up on the upper bank
- 6 of this slope. We are going to basically leave that
- 7 material on the slope, because it didn't pose a risk to
- 8 both human health and the environment, because of the fact
- 9 it was up on a vertical slope. We're going to basically
- 10 note it on a deed restriction. So one of the benefits of
- 11 taking this material out of the below you also get the
- 12 material that was saturated in the side of the hill. Side
- 13 note.
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- 15 MR. THALHAMMER: So the question is is how did
- 16 that material get there? So this next slide basically
- 17 shows the conceptual path of the oil. Now, mind you, that
- 18 when the Tracy tire fire burned, he had tires stacked to
- 19 the top of the hill. He would dump they off at the top of
- 20 the hill and they would basically stage themselves, just
- 21 basically based off of the angle at the bottom of the
- 22 hill. So we had about 60 to 65 feet of tires.
- 23 As the tires burn, it generates pyrolytic oil.
- 24 They go through fissures. And, of course, we had all
- 25 heard and we all knew, based upon the borings and

- 1 everything else that we had out there, that we had a very
- 2 thick clay layer protecting the groundwater.
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- 4 MR. THALHAMMER: Unfortunately that was not true.
- 5 It's very rare in the environmental field, at least from
- 6 my perspective that you actually get to find the smoking
- 7 gun. And this next photo that will dissolve in, you will
- 8 see the smoking gun.
- 9 The entire site is surrounded by a clay layer
- 10 that is approximately 8 to 10 feet. However, exactly
- 11 where the tires were stacked to the tallest, the clay
- 12 layer went to a foot. So as the oil was draining through
- 13 the materials, you can see that it was directed here and
- 14 basically saturated through this 1-foot layer. And this
- 15 is the area that a we're targeting for the removal.
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- 17 MR. THALHAMMER: This will give you a perspective
- 18 from up top. You can actually see the clay layer
- 19 throughout the site, which is here, 8 to 10 feet. And of
- 20 course right where the tires were stacked the tallest is
- 21 where it thinned out.
- 22 This particular photograph is taken at a point
- 23 where we were looking at this embankment to try to
- 24 determine how much oil was actually coming out of the
- 25 embankment. So what you're actually looking at here is

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- 1 not runoff. This is actually groundwater.
- 2 --000--
- 3 MR. THALHAMMER: This is a different angle to
- 4 give you a different perspective. This is the lens that
- 5 we're targeting. This is the material that would have to
- 6 be removed in order to get to that lens.
- 7 --000--
- 8 MR. THALHAMMER: Now, if this works, it's about a
- 9 45 second video, which will show you a few things. One
- 10 it's going to show you an excavator making a fresh cut
- 11 into the slope. You will see free product flowing out of
- 12 the slope.
- 13 Two, you will also see that product floating on
- 14 top of the groundwater. You will see the cut slope. And
- 15 in the last shot, you will see a distance of the entire
- 16 facility with the clay layer.
- 17 --000--
- 18 MR. THALHAMMER: Ah, technology. We can always
- 19 go to Plan B later -- no, okay, we'll go to Plan B.
- 20 --000--
- 21 MR. THALHAMMER: I will -- I've got Plan B for
- 22 you. What we'll do while we're working on Plan B is I
- 23 have James Eisert, who's our consultant, to discuss the
- 24 remedial alternatives. We have 3 alternatives for you.
- 25 When that's done, we will go ahead at the end of the

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- 1 presentation, I have the video for you, we'll go to that
- 2 route as well.
- 3 So I have James Eisert from LFR.
- 4 MR. EISERT: Good afternoon. My name is James
- 5 Eisert.
- 6 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Good afternoon.
- 7 MR. EISERT: One thing that's not shown on this
- 8 slide is the objective of the remedial alternatives. And
- 9 the first think we want to consider is what the objective
- 10 is. In this case, it was 2-fold. The first objective is
- 11 to reduce liability of the State. And the second
- 12 objective is to enable property transfer.
- 13 So with that in mind, remedial alternative number
- 14 1 is monitor natural attenuation or MNA. As seen here on
- 15 the slide, it approximately takes 10 to 15 years for this
- 16 to occur given the oil in the water and near the source
- 17 area there. And the costs are approximately \$300,000.
- 18 That includes monitoring on a regular basis and reporting
- 19 and evaluating.
- Now there's benefits and drawbacks. There's a
- 21 list of them, but the highlights of MNA. The benefits --
- 22 it's very low upfront cost. It's also a very common
- 23 remedial alternative.
- 24 The major drawback here is you can see the time
- 25 is going to be -- the project will be open for another 10

- 1 or 15 years as we're evaluating and monitoring. And so
- 2 that doesn't -- that makes it less likely for a property
- 3 transfer to take place.
- 4 Alternative 2 is excavation or where we go in and
- 5 actually remove the source. As you can see here the time
- 6 period is only 1 and a half months. And the cost is twice
- 7 as much, and the benefits and the drawbacks outlined here.
- 8 The benefit is that you go in and you remove the
- 9 source, thus the project is complete with minor follow up.
- 10 One of the drawbacks is its upfront cost and you
- 11 have to do earth work.
- 12 Alternative 3 is designing a light non-aqueous
- 13 phase liquid removal system. Now the time it adheres is
- 14 at least 5 years. The cost upfront is \$600,000 and that
- 15 includes long-term monitoring. Now, there's benefits and
- 16 drawbacks.
- 17 The benefits include that it's a designed system
- 18 for optimal removal of the oil in the groundwater and in
- 19 the smear zone of the soil.
- The drawback is, there's several. There's
- 21 upfront costs. It's a complex system to design. And in
- 22 this case, the access if you've seen a cross-section is
- 23 very difficult to access. So it's not very likely to
- 24 work.
- 25 Additionally, if you have a removal system

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- 1 installed, and you're waiting 5 or plus years to see if
- 2 it's going to work, the property transfer is not likely to
- 3 work.
- 4 If you have any questions, I think we're going to
- 5 have a question and answer session at the end, but I think
- 6 I'll hand it over to Todd.
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you, James.
- 9 MR. THALHAMMER: Okay. We're on plan B. We'll
- 10 see if we can get the video to work.
- 11 MR. THALHAMMER: I've got a plan C, but it's a
- 12 lot of hand puppets and I don't really want to go there.
- 13 (Laughter.)
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Todd, you're a good
- 15 man.
- MR. THALHAMMER: I'm a jack of all trades and
- 17 master of nothing.
- 18 (Thereupon a video was played.)
- MR. THALHAMMER: What you're witnessing here is
- 20 the actual pyrolytic oil coming out from that cut slope.
- 21 I'm trying to provide you with a respective from the field
- 22 is very difficult. What you have here is, like I said,
- 23 this whole lens is nothing. This is not groundwater.
- 24 This is oil.
- 25 Again, this is after approximately about 30

- 1 minutes. This is oil floating on top of the groundwater
- 2 that is basically interfaced.
- 3 Here, is the clay layer we have discussed before.
- 4 You can actually see it. There's some staining on the
- 5 slope. And this last shot, which you just actually exited
- 6 out of, was the clay layer continuing.
- 7 Continuing with the item.
- 8 --000--
- 9 MR. THALHAMMER: In order to fund this process,
- 10 we have a couple of possibilities. And I'm going to turn
- 11 this over to Mitch Delmage to discuss those issues.
- 12 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you Todd.
- Mitch.
- 14 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: Mitch
- 15 Delmage again. We've looked at some reallocation funding.
- 16 And we already have identified the life-cycle analysis for
- 17 tire management methods that was determined by the Board
- 18 that we wouldn't follow up on that particular project, so
- 19 \$250,000 is available.
- 20 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Did you say that the
- 21 Board determined we would not follow up?
- 22 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: We would
- 23 not do the life-cycle analysis as we had planned to do in
- 24 the 5-year plan. At the August meeting, I believe in
- 25 closed session, it was determined that we would not follow

- 1 up on that particular project because of the --
- 2 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: I don't recall.
- 3 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: --
- 4 tire-derived fuel aspect of it.
- 5 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay.
- 6 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: We've
- 7 also identified another item in the 5-year plan,
- 8 identifying market demand for tire-derived products. We
- 9 will continue with that activity, but we'll roll it into
- 10 our existing business assistance program. So we'll pick
- 11 up any slack on that particular project through that
- 12 program. So we have another \$250,000.
- 13 We are continuing to look at other projects
- 14 within the 5-year plan that were anticipated for this year
- 15 to see if there's any another funds available. We're
- 16 looking also -- we have \$515,000 that we've set aside for
- 17 the Market Development Division, so we're working with
- 18 them to see if there's any projects that can be put off
- 19 till next year to identify the remaining \$200,000.
- 20 So we feel fairly confident that we can come up
- 21 with the required funding for option number 2, \$700,000
- 22 through projects that we can either defer or that we don't
- 23 plan to do.
- 24 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. Well --
- 25 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: The

- 1 alternative, if we can't, would be getting funds from the
- 2 emergency reserve account.
- 3 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. Mitch, so then I
- 4 just want to make sure I understand this correctly, so --
- 5 because I have our 5-year tire plan here. And I'm looking
- 6 at -- okay, so you're saying the project that we approved
- 7 in may via the biennial update of the life-cycle
- 8 assessment, we decided in closed session not to pursue
- 9 that?
- 10 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: Correct.
- 11 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: And then the
- 12 identifying market demand for tire derived products. Are
- 13 you saying we haven't started that project at all?
- 14 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: We
- 15 have -- we have actually looked at it from a variety of
- 16 angles and we were already considering making it part of
- 17 the business assistance program, since it's so closely
- 18 aligned. And, in fact, during some of our interested
- 19 parties meetings and also during some of our 5-year plan
- 20 discussions, we had talked about expanding the business
- 21 assistance program to include not just helping individual
- 22 businesses, but to do some things that help all the
- 23 businesses in general, and this particular aspect fit very
- 24 well into that concept.
- 25 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. So then I just

- 1 want to ask a larger question then, if we're looking at
- 2 funding, will you be providing the Board with a status of
- 3 all of those program, because again I guess I was under
- 4 the assumption that all of these projects were underway in
- 5 some way, shape or form. So now I'm hearing that some of
- 6 them haven't even really been started yet. So I was just
- 7 wondering if we're going to be getting an update on the
- 8 status of each of these programs that we have in the
- 9 5-year tire plan.
- 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: We can certainly do that,
- 11 Madam Chair. Again, the reason we usually have money
- 12 available at the end of the year for reallocation is for a
- 13 variety of reasons. Not everything that the Board sets
- 14 forth in the 5-year plan, you know, we're able to
- 15 accomplish in that given year.
- What Mitch has talked about, there's, you know,
- 17 the 2 years where we feel fairly confident, you know,
- 18 based on the discussions which have occurred that, you
- 19 know, there's money that, you know, we could recommend
- 20 that the Board reallocate for this Tracy problem.
- 21 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: And I'm asking because,
- 22 you know, again then I go to page 30 of the report where I
- 23 see State agency partnerships to promote the use of tire
- 24 derived products. And we have \$400,000 there. And so
- 25 that might be some -- I mean, I'm just wondering what are

- 1 we going to do in terms of partnerships with other State
- 2 agencies for \$400,000 this year?
- 3 Again, that's why I'm asking what's the status of
- 4 each of these programs so that, you know, we can figure
- 5 our -- you know, again the Board, I think, would have a
- 6 better comfort level knowing, okay, we really haven't
- 7 done, you know, anything on this project. You know, and
- 8 I'm not here to say that's good or bad. I'm just saying
- 9 just to know that we haven't started up that project yet,
- 10 so there is \$400,000 available. And, again, I'm just
- 11 using that as an example.
- 12 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: Since
- 13 we're on that particular topic, on the State agency
- 14 partnerships, we have been in discussion with Parks and
- 15 Rec about doing rubberized asphalt type walkways. And so
- 16 we have been in discussions with other State agencies on
- 17 this particular one, but we have not entered into an
- 18 agreement, so that is an area that we can look at. And
- 19 that's what we want to do over the next few weeks is
- 20 identify which projects.
- 21 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. And so then you
- 22 can come back to us and tell us where those dollars are
- 23 going to come from --
- 24 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: Yes.
- 25 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: -- whatever we decide.

- 1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: We'll do that as part of
- 2 our presentation to the Board at the Board meeting next
- 3 week.
- 4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. We do have a
- 5 speaker, Terry Leveille, before we pursue further
- 6 questions.
- 7 MR. LEVEILLE: Thank you, Madam Chair and
- 8 Committee Member Petersen. Welcome, to the chairmanship
- 9 chairpersonship and --
- 10 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Just for today.
- 11 MR. LEVEILLE: You've got some big shoes to fill.
- 12 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Just for today.
- 13 MR. LEVEILLE: Okay. I didn't want to speak on
- 14 the alternatives, because I think that's, you know, up to
- 15 you guys to do that. I wanted to speak a little bit about
- 16 the funding aspect. And I really think, you know, the
- 17 understanding of reallocation, from my perspective, has
- 18 always been to try and, you know, make whole some of the
- 19 programs that are underfunded or oversubscribed. And this
- 20 year in particular staff is soliciting new program ideas
- 21 that if there is sufficient funds might be worth
- 22 considering for creative ways to recycle tires, divert
- 23 tires. And I'd just like to, you know, emphasize that
- 24 I've always felt that that is a really good opportunity to
- 25 sort of make whole.

- 1 Now, you've got a million dollars in emergency
- 2 reserve that is there primarily for tire fire type
- 3 activities. I mean that's really what it's been used for.
- 4 And it just seems like this would fit in very nicely to
- 5 that. I know you're committing a significant portion of
- 6 that before the June 30th, but seeing as how the Board
- 7 is -- and staff and our contractors have been so diligent
- 8 about cleaning up tire piles, I would hope that between
- 9 now and June 30th there wouldn't be anymore tire fires in
- 10 the State of California. You can't promise that.
- 11 But I would, you know, encourage you to look at
- 12 that fund for the cost of this additional remediation.
- That's all I have to say.
- 14 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you. Thank you
- 15 very much.
- Do you have any questions?
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Todd, so we scrape
- 18 together the funds wherever they come from. How long --
- 19 what's the time line in getting the funds and getting this
- 20 thing cleaned up for good, do you know?
- 21 MR. THALHAMMER: Well, if the funds are approved
- 22 by the Board the following week and they decide to choose
- 23 Alternative 2, the remediation of the Tracy sight should
- 24 basically be done the end of February.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Oh. And now I

- 1 understand there's going to be some big holes there. And
- 2 we're going to try to sell the property sell -- the trust
- 3 is going to try to sell the property to give us some
- 4 reimbursement?
- 5 MR. THALHAMMER: I'd like to actually turn that
- 6 over to our legal department because they've been working
- 7 on that.
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Perhaps if I may, Mr.
- 9 Petersen, and ask Todd to clarify a couple of things here.
- 10 Again, I think if the Board gives the approval to staff's
- 11 recommendation, we can, you know, basically cut the
- 12 hillside and remove the contaminated soil within the 1 and
- 13 a half month period. However, you know, we're still
- 14 negotiating with the regional boards about any kind of
- 15 continuation of any groundwater monitoring, you know,
- 16 after that time, and those negotiations aren't complete.
- 17 Now, even if so -- again, if the remediation goes
- 18 beyond 1 and a half months, it would be for, you know,
- 19 relatively inexpensive groundwater monitoring afterwards
- 20 and not for, you know, soil removal or other remediation
- 21 activities per se. So I just want to make sure we're
- 22 clear on that point.
- 23 The second thing is, there's a third party that's
- 24 involved, a private party, Teichert owns land that's
- 25 immediately adjacent to this property. And in order to

- 1 cut the hillside back, you know, to a stable slope will
- 2 involve encroaching on their property. Again, we're in
- 3 negotiations, you know, with the property owner. We
- 4 believe that they will ultimately be fruitful. But,
- 5 again, I can't come to you today and say that we've
- 6 concluded those negotiations and have the private parties
- 7 concurrence with our proposal.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Have they said
- 9 anything about liability issues to us?
- 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: The liability is one of
- 11 the -- obviously, one of the sticking points with regards
- 12 to that. And, again, our lawyers are looking into that
- 13 and negotiating on the Board's behalf.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Okay.
- 15 STAFF COUNSEL BLEDSOE: Michael Bledsoe from the
- 16 legal office. Just real quickly on your first question,
- 17 Mr. Petersen about the trust selling the property and
- 18 reimbursing the State. We are discussing the legal issues
- 19 with the Attorney General's office right now. I can't
- 20 tell you frankly whether the trust will be cooperative at
- 21 that point, but we'll certainly do our best and, you know,
- 22 have more information for you in the future.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Okay, great.
- 24 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Question, Board Member
- 25 Peace.

- 1 MR. THALHAMMER: Any other questions on the site
- 2 issues?
- 3 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I just have one question
- 4 whether U.S. EPA was involved, you know, in the City of
- 5 Tracy and the Regional Water Board and DTSC and the OES
- 6 and the Air Board and the San Joaquin County, have we
- 7 already extracted as much money out of all these other
- 8 organizations as we can. I mean, are we the only ones
- 9 left with any money to clean this up?
- 10 MR. THALHAMMER: I'll defer that question to Jim.
- 11 (Laughter.)
- 12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Ms. Peace, this is
- 13 something that I can -- I think we kind of alluded to some
- 14 of the negotiations that went on with regards to how this
- 15 cleanup occurred, you know the arrangements with EPA, you
- 16 know, they were going to do this if we did that. I'm not
- 17 sure myself of all, you know, the reasons why, you know,
- 18 it seems like, you know, we have, you know, gone to the
- 19 lead, you know, with this particular situation.
- 20 But I think, you know, given where we stand right
- 21 now the Board has committed over \$16 million to clean up
- 22 the site, and that was with, you know, our legal office's
- 23 opinion that, you know, the Board had some responsibility
- 24 in this area -- or should it shoulder this responsibility,
- 25 I should say. And given the fact that this is again a

- 1 part of the contamination which the Board has already
- 2 initiated on the path to clean up, I guess it's our
- 3 consensus opinion right now that again we can't leave the
- 4 job, you know, undone.
- 5 But since you've raised the point specifically
- 6 again, I think I'll reexamine that and perhaps be able to
- 7 provide a little more response to that at the Board
- 8 meeting next week.
- 9 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Ms. Peace.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I think you mentioned you
- 11 could have this, what, done in a month, a month and a half
- 12 even considering -- because when you said here that you
- 13 still need to collect data over the next few months to
- 14 further assess the extent of the affected groundwater and
- 15 provide information necessary to better evaluate the
- 16 remedial alternatives. And the fact that you needed to
- 17 get all the approvals -- all the other approvals from the
- 18 State regulatory agencies, plus the access agreements from
- 19 Teichert. I mean, you'll still think this is only going
- 20 to get all that done in the next month and a half?
- MR. THALHAMMER: As Jim said before, we're
- 22 talking about the actual equipment on the ground removal
- 23 process.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: That will take a month and a
- 25 half.

- 1 MR. THALHAMMER: That's a month and a half.
- 2 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: And when you think you'll
- 3 actually be able to --
- 4 MR. THALHAMMER: Sell the -- well, force the
- 5 estate to sell the property and continue on?
- 6 Unfortunately, what we're trying to project is
- 7 how clean that groundwater is going to be, and is that
- 8 groundwater going to meet our cleanup goals. So
- 9 unfortunately once you take that hillside down, we have to
- 10 put in a series of groundwater monitoring wells and you
- 11 have to look at that issue.
- 12 I can't tell you whether that's going to be one
- 13 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 months to a year. Groundwater monitoring
- 14 is something that takes time in order to show, because of
- 15 seasonal variations and because of other issues that your
- 16 plume is gone. I mean bottom line is that once you've
- 17 reduced the source, you take that oil out of the hill,
- 18 your groundwater contamination is going to clean up. The
- 19 source is gone.
- 20 So what we're really looking here is source
- 21 reduction. We're going after 2 percent left, if you want
- 22 to look at it on an analogy basis, we've removed 300,000
- 23 tons. We're looking at 3,000 tons left. So that can be
- 24 done quickly, as far as the paperwork and the monitoring
- 25 on all sides those take time. It's hard to project.

- 1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Madam Chair, if I may,
- 2 we've got a representative from the regional water quality
- 3 control board that can perhaps speak to our kind of
- 4 ongoing working relationship on this site and perhaps can
- 5 speak to the cleanup goals and where he sees the future
- 6 groundwater monitoring.
- 7 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: That would be good
- 8 because I did have a question about, you know, once we get
- 9 this cleaned up, how much -- how long would we have to
- 10 monitor this site? And I believe that in Alternative 2
- 11 that \$700,000 includes monitoring for one year only. So,
- 12 again, if you could help us understand how long we would
- 13 have to monitor the site once -- if we chose Option 2?
- 14 MR. IZZO: I just want to make sure what I read
- 15 earlier was true?
- 16 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Would you state your
- 17 name for the record
- 18 MR. IZZO: My name is Victor Izzo. I'm a senior
- 19 engineering geologist.
- 20 One thing with Alternative 2, that just, you
- 21 know, from my standpoint, from -- I've been working for
- 22 the Regional Board for 19 years -- is that once you remove
- 23 the source that special petroleum, which this is, that
- 24 natural attenuation does work. If you don't remove the
- 25 source, you're going to have a larger plume and more

- 1 problems.
- 2 It's hard to tell you exactly how long I think
- 3 it's going to take. But based on the data that we see
- 4 from you guys, is that I believe that once we remove that
- 5 source area, we need 1 or 2 more monitoring wells down
- 6 gradient. And if those come up clean, we're talking a
- 7 very short time. You know, the project says 2 years of
- 8 monitoring. I think well within that 2 years that you
- 9 will see significant decreases. And based on that trend,
- 10 you can say that, you know, we don't need to monitor any
- 11 longer because we're seeing that within a very short time
- 12 that we won't have any contamination.
- 13 With petroleum sites, all my petroleum sites I've
- 14 ever worked on that happened, if we removed the source. I
- 15 don't -- I can't say for sure, because, you know, the
- 16 proof is in the sampling.
- 17 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. Thank you very
- 18 much. And thank you for being here today. We really
- 19 appreciate it
- MR. IZZO: Thank you.
- 21 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Does the Water Board have
- 22 any money to put into this project?
- 23 (Laughter.)
- 24 MR. IZZO: We put about -- well, we didn't ask
- 25 for reimbursement for the original stuff.

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- 1 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: So will we be doing the
- 2 monitoring of wells? Will that be a cost to us or will
- 3 the Water Board --
- 4 MR. IZZO: That's part of the project is my
- 5 understanding.
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: It will be a cost to the
- 7 project.
- 8 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Right.
- 9 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: But my understanding
- 10 was that it was included in the 700,000 for the one-year
- 11 monitoring, correct?
- MR. EISERT: Two years of monitoring.
- 13 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Two years of
- 14 monitoring, okay.
- 15 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: If I
- 16 might add.
- 17 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Go ahead.
- 18 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: To get
- 19 back to your question, Board Member Peace. I think that
- 20 there's 2 issues with respect to the Teichert and why we
- 21 felt comfortable that we'll be able to remove the dirt.
- 22 We'll encroach on their property to cut the slope in, but
- 23 we don't believe they're as concerned about that. We have
- 24 to put in monitoring wells on their property. That's
- 25 where we may need to spend more time negotiating. So it's

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- 1 in everybody's best interest that we remove the
- 2 contamination upfront as we heard from the Water Board and
- 3 I think that will move along fairly quickly.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: Well, I just think that was
- 5 going to take awhile to do that, that it might not be like
- 6 right away, it might be several months from now that we
- 7 actually do this. And that will be closer to that June
- 8 30th date, when we're supposed to have that million
- 9 dollars in there for, you know, the emergency reserve.
- 10 And so I guess I'm just probably thinking that -- I know,
- 11 I think we're going to be moving this to the full board,
- 12 but I guess from where I stand, it kind of looks like
- 13 Alternative 2 is probably the way we're going to have to
- 14 go. And personally, I think I would kind of like to see
- 15 that money come out of our emergency reserve, especially
- 16 if this is going to be several months off it will be
- 17 closer to June and the emergency reserve is for tire fires
- 18 and emergencies.
- 19 STAFF COUNSEL BLEDSOE: Madam Chair, if I may
- 20 interject. Michael Bledsoe from the Legal Office. I
- 21 understand from the conversation that the timing of the
- 22 cleanup is important. And Mitch points out that we do
- 23 need to get Teichert's consent before we can do that.
- 24 And, at this point, I can't tell you how long that
- 25 negotiation process is going to take. I can report back

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1 if it's going to take a long time, but I don't know right

- 2 now.
- 3 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: And, Todd I do have a
- 4 question then if it's going to take us longer than we
- 5 anticipate to get the approval from Teichert for access, I
- 6 know that there's demobilization costs involved, and I was
- 7 just wondering again if, number one, they were
- 8 incorporated into this \$700,000. And if not, what would
- 9 you anticipate those costs to be to demobilize and
- 10 remobilize.
- 11 MR. THALHAMMER: We're looking at Approximately
- 12 30,000 to 35,000 to mobe and remobe. We have all the
- 13 heavy equipment on the ground. We have the scales. We
- 14 have the loading docks. We have the health and safety
- 15 trailers. We have the entire site set up to do this. So
- 16 we're trying to, along with legal -- just as a side note,
- 17 I mean, I have contacted Teichert. We have a good working
- 18 relationship to Teichert. They are our neighbors for the
- 19 past 3 years. I'm on a first name basis with their site
- 20 geologist and their plant manager.
- 21 So we've been talking about the access and
- 22 agreements. To date, they've been very cordial. I don't
- 23 foresee any issues, but, again, I'm not legal staff, I'm
- 24 just the engineer. So they've committed to me on a voice
- 25 mail yesterday that they want to resolve this issue by

- 1 next week or the following week.
- With that said, that basically if the Board
- 3 would -- if the Board chose to do Alternative 2, that
- 4 basically means as we're finishing up, we just start this
- 5 additional project and walk away basically late February,
- 6 first weekend of March.
- 7 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. Well, thank you.
- 8 I appreciate that.
- 9 My feeling is that there is only one alternative
- 10 and that is Alternative 2. But again, we have some
- 11 questions on how we're going to fund this. I think staff
- 12 needs to get back to us with some more specific options on
- 13 which programs we might take these dollars from or whether
- 14 the Board can then decide whether or not we want to use
- 15 the emergency reserve fund.
- So what I'd like to do is move this item to the
- 17 full board for further discussion pending the information
- 18 that you pull together, and then maybe by then we might
- 19 have a better idea of our negotiations with Teichert and
- 20 the whole access issue, because again that's key to us
- 21 getting Option 2 -- or Alternative 2 moving along.
- 22 So do you have any problem with that?
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: No, I have no problem
- 24 whatsoever. Just great job guys.
- MR. THALHAMMER: Thank you.

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- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Thanks, Todd.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 3 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay, thank you. Thank
- 4 you, Jim. Thank you, Todd.
- 5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Next item is Consideration
- 6 of Scope of Work for a Public Awareness Campaign to
- 7 Promote Sustainable Practices, Tire Recycling Management
- 8 Fund fiscal years 2005/6 and 2006/7.
- 9 Jon Myers and Mitch Delmage will make the staff
- 10 presentation.
- 11 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MYERS: Sorry about that. I'm
- 12 a little late. I think I just hung up on our Chair,
- 13 Rosario Marin.
- 14 (Laughter.)
- 15 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MYERS: So, Mr. Leary, if you
- 16 get some comments from her tomorrow you know why.
- 17 (Laughter.)
- 18 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MYERS: Good afternoon, Chair
- 19 Mulé and committee members. Jon Myers, Office of Public
- 20 Affairs. I'll be presenting Committee Item F, Board Item
- 21 12 this afternoon, Consideration of Scope of Work for a
- 22 Public Awareness Campaign to Promote Sustainable
- 23 Practices.
- This item comes before you today in response to
- 25 resent reports that were presented to the Board from the

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- 1 Waste Tire Division. And before I continue, the proposed
- 2 scope of work for this campaign, I'd like to have -- ask
- 3 Mitch Delmage from Special Waste to provide some
- 4 background on those reports, if that will be helpful.
- 5 WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT MANAGER DELMAGE: Good
- 6 afternoon again. Mitch Delmage, manager of the tire
- 7 program.
- 8 As Jon mentioned, we're asking you to consider
- 9 the scope of work for a public awareness campaign to
- 10 promote sustainable practices. This project was
- 11 identified in the 5-year plan as a social marketing
- 12 campaign to promote sustainable practices.
- 13 The genesis of this concept was 2 Board
- 14 commissioned reports. The first of which was conducted in
- 15 several languages. And according to this report, entitled
- 16 Consumers Tire Buying Habits and Their Knowledge of Tire
- 17 Maintenance, Recycling and Disposal, many consumers have
- 18 limited knowledge about the proper care and handling of
- 19 tires, something I think we know already.
- 20 Decisions about purchases were made primarily by
- 21 price, brand, personal recommendations from friends and
- 22 family. Additionally, consumers were somewhat aware of
- 23 the need to maintain their tires, but didn't necessarily
- 24 understand all the benefits and how often maintenance
- 25 needed to be done.

- 1 Based upon this research, the contractor
- 2 California State University at Chico and IMC productions
- 3 recommended that the Board develop a public awareness
- 4 campaign in multiple languages to emphasize proper tire
- 5 maintenance, and its relation to tire safety, fuel
- 6 economy, longevity and cost savings.
- 7 The second report, a community based social
- 8 marketing pilot, to increase proper tire maintenance,
- 9 conducted by the California State University, San Marcos
- 10 Foundation supported a community based social marketing
- 11 approach to proper tire maintenance among California
- 12 motorists.
- 13 They suggested that the campaign should use
- 14 nontraditional media based techniques, developed to
- 15 primarily reach underserved non-English speaking
- 16 communities statewide.
- 17 This scope of work supports the recommendations
- 18 of both of these Board reports. And furthermore, the 2000
- 19 U.S. Census report indicated that 38 percent of California
- 20 households spoke non-English languages at home.
- 21 Therefore, this campaign will assure that our message is
- 22 heard by a previously underserved number of
- 23 constituents.
- Now Jon Myers will discuss the specifics of the
- 25 public awareness campaign.

- 1 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MYERS: Thank you, Mitch.
- 2 Based on the information that Mitch just
- 3 discussed, Special Waste, along with the Public Affairs
- 4 Office staff, created a proposed scope of work for a
- 5 2-year public awareness campaign to emphasize proper tire
- 6 maintenance and safety and the added cost savings value in
- 7 tire longevity as well as fuel savings gained.
- 8 The Board approved 5-year tire plan allocates
- 9 \$300,000 in fiscal year 05/06 and 06/07 for a social
- 10 marketing campaign to promote sustainable practices, such
- 11 as tire maintenance.
- 12 In concert with the campaign to promote tire care
- 13 and maintenance, both Special Waste Division and Public
- 14 Affairs have identified a need to reach out to the
- 15 underserved communities of California, as Mitch described.
- 16 Our population is changing, as you well know. And
- 17 according to the California Department of Finance
- 18 Demographic Research, race and ethnic distribution in
- 19 California has shifted, where white non-Hispanic
- 20 populations share has decreased. While the Hispanic
- 21 population and Asian and Pacific Islander population
- 22 notably increased.
- In fact, the white non-Hispanic population
- 24 increased -- I'm sorry, decreased from 50 percent
- 25 population in 1990 to 47 percent in the year 2000.

- 1 However, the Hispanic population increased from 26 percent
- 2 in 1990 to 32 percent in 2000. According to the
- 3 Department of Finance this trend will continue.
- 4 Therefore, the public awareness campaign is
- 5 designed to focus on our underserved communities in
- 6 California, where our message, based on information
- 7 gathered in the reports that Mitch just spoke about, has
- 8 not been properly formed or focused.
- 9 Staff is proposing to create a community based
- 10 marketing campaign, utilizing the expertise of a public
- 11 relations marketing firm that specializes in reaching out
- 12 to ethnic, minority and underserved communities to provide
- 13 outreach and education. The message we are looking to
- 14 generate is clear an simple, proper tire maintenance and
- 15 tire care promotes longer life tires, saving consumers
- 16 money, fuel and protects the health and safety of all
- 17 Californians. This message clearly fits into the
- 18 priorities of the Board in tackling California's waste
- 19 tire issues.
- The campaign will include using local tire
- 21 retailers and non-English media outlets to help distribute
- 22 outreach materials designed to Educate the public about
- 23 proper tire maintenance and its benefits, as well as
- 24 educating on the purchasing -- educating on purchasing
- 25 longer lived tires.

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1 In regards to working with the tire retailers, it

- 2 is our hope that we cannot only help develop materials for
- 3 participating retailers, but work with those retailers
- 4 that already have existing programs or materials to
- 5 develop a stronger message and ensure that we are using
- 6 languages that are prominent in the targeted communities.
- 7 The selected contractor will develop and
- 8 implement a rollout strategy that includes production and
- 9 distribution of radio and television public awareness
- 10 announcements and earned media campaign and print
- 11 production. The produced PSAs will be produced in
- 12 multiple languages in order to accommodate a variety of
- 13 targeted communities.
- 14 Our goal is to provide proper information to
- 15 these selected communities that will help the Board
- 16 achieve 2 of the goals established in the 5-year tire
- 17 plan, that is to reduce the number of tires generated by
- 18 Californians from the current 1.1 tires per person per
- 19 year to .75 by the year 2015, and to increase the annual
- 20 waste tire diversion rate to 90 percent by the year 2015.
- 21 OPA plans to measure the success of this
- 22 marketing effort by surveying local tire retailers in
- 23 targeted areas to determine if local purchases of longer
- 24 lived tires have increased during and after the targeted
- 25 marketing effort.

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- 1 Also, we will be utilizing sampling techniques to
- 2 determine whether citizens in targeted areas heard the
- 3 marketed messages and changed their behavior as a result.
- 4 We are asking that the contractor come back to
- 5 this Board to present findings and activities every 6
- 6 months with written reports tracking implementation and
- 7 success every three months. The Office of Public Affairs
- 8 will work closely with the contractor on messaging and
- 9 content of materials.
- 10 That concludes my report on this scope of work
- 11 and I'll be happy to answer any questions.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: I'm all for this big
- 13 time. And it sounds like a really great program, so I'm
- 14 there.
- 15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Yes.
- ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MYERS: Well, that wasn't the
- 17 question now was it.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: No it was just a
- 19 statement.
- 20 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: I, too, want to thank
- 21 you Jon and Mitch for really thinking this one through and
- 22 putting in an evaluation component. I was very pleased to
- 23 see that. And do you have any questions or comments,
- 24 Board Member Peace?
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: I was just glad to see that

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- 1 it was -- the focus was more narrowed. That we're going
- 2 to concentrate on proper tire maintenance as it relates
- 3 to -- you save money on fuel and your family is going to
- 4 be safer. I think that's what really hits home with
- 5 people.
- 6 Another thing we had talked about on this before
- 7 was partnering with the Rubber Manufacturers Association,
- 8 with Michael Blumenthal and with his, you know, Be Smart
- 9 Do Your Part. There's no mention of that in here -- and I
- 10 thought -- Michael.
- 11 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you, Board Member
- 12 Peace. I had that same question. I was wondering if we
- 13 were going to be working with the RMA at all.
- 14 Michael?
- 15 MR. BLUMENTHAL: Thank you, Chairwoman Mulé. My
- 16 name is Michael Blumenthal. I'm with the Rubber
- 17 Manufacturers Association. Eventhough, we've not been
- 18 contacted, our offer on the table has not changed. We're
- 19 happy to work with the Board and the staff on this project
- 20 in anyway that we can.
- 21 We do already have the Be Tire Smart Do Your Part
- 22 brochures in both English and Spanish, just 2 languages.
- 23 It's not in anything else. We didn't have that capacity.
- 24 But certainly what we have offered to anybody is
- 25 you can use our language and absolutely take it and

- 1 translate it in any other language as long as you don't
- 2 change what we're saying. I mean, you may have to put it
- 3 into some terms, but as long you don't change the basic
- 4 idea, the concepts. We have an open policy that anybody
- 5 can use our material. There is no copywrite infringement
- 6 penalty.
- 7 I can also say that we have 2 members that both
- 8 have retail outlets. One is Bridgestone/Firestone
- 9 Firestone outlets. Another is the Good Year Tire and
- 10 Rubber Company. And I'm sure that they would be very
- 11 happy to participate in any way that they can in the
- 12 target areas, get the information through me. I can get
- 13 it to their retailers. They already have the Be Tire
- 14 Smart brochures our. I'm sure they would welcome
- 15 opportunities to help their customers.
- So just let us know when the bell goes off and
- 17 we'll be there.
- 18 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you very much.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER PEACE: There's just another thing I
- 20 want to say in any type of public awareness campaign, I
- 21 mean 1 or 2 years is not enough. I mean a public
- 22 awareness campaign has to go on and on and on and on, you
- 23 know, to be effective.
- 24 And also I keep looking, okay, \$300,000 a year,
- 25 and that's such a drop in the bucket in a State of 40

- 1 million people. How are we really going to get a message
- 2 out there for only \$300,000. And I know Mitch has
- 3 explained a few things to me. I was wondering if you
- 4 could maybe go into detail a little bit more about how
- 5 some of these things can be relatively inexpensive by
- 6 putting adds and stuff in some of these non-English
- 7 newspapers.
- 8 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MYERS: Well, they definitely
- 9 don't come cheap. That's for certain. Some of the
- 10 lessons we learned out of outreach efforts such as the
- 11 E-Recycling Program, working with the communications
- 12 office we found that there are certain vendors out there
- 13 that will participate with us, help us, where the costs
- 14 are used for production purposes, but we can go out and
- 15 recruit talent for producing the PSAs at no cost to us or
- 16 no cost to the contractor.
- 17 You know, as I said, we're working with the
- 18 communications office, we realize, you know, there are
- 19 people out there who can help produce this at a very low
- 20 cost. We also have in-house capabilities here that we'll
- 21 be able to help out with especially on production -- or
- 22 design production. We have a great graphics shop. Soon
- 23 we'll have a bigger audio-visual resource in-house as
- 24 well. So there are certain things that we'll be able to
- 25 do in-house.

- 1 I agree with you it's a long-served campaign or
- 2 should be a long-served campaign. We're looking at 2
- 3 years here. I think the 300,000 a year will help develop
- 4 the tools that we need to keep this ongoing. That's one
- 5 of my hopes out of this campaign is that it doesn't stop
- 6 at the end of 2 years that we can continue to use the
- 7 tools that we developed in the initial couple of years --
- 8 the first 2 years to move forward.
- 9 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: And I think what's
- 10 important is that we do have this evaluation component in
- 11 place as part of this, so that as we move forward with
- 12 this contract we can evaluate its effectiveness, we can
- 13 tweak it accordingly, you know, do what we need to do.
- 14 And then, via our biennial review process, allocate
- 15 additional dollars in years out to continue this program.
- ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MYERS: Very much so. I'd
- 17 just like to add to the speaker's comments as well that,
- 18 you know, it was never the intention to leave out partners
- 19 out there. I maybe not have made note of it in my
- 20 comments, but it was always the intention to reach out and
- 21 utilize what sources are out there.
- 22 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Thank you, Jon. Great
- 23 job.
- Do I have a motion?
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Madam Chair, I'd like

93 to move Resolution 2005-336. 1 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: And I will second that. 2 So it's moved by Board Member Petersen, seconded by Board 3 4 Member Mulé. Would you call the role, please? 5 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BALLUCH: Petersen? 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Aye. 7 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BALLUCH: Mulé? ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Aye. 8 So we have 2 ayes. And we will -- this does not 9 need to go on fiscal consent, because this is just scope 10 of work, so this can go on consent. 11 Thank you both very much. This is a great great 12 13 job. Great work. 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERSEN: Thanks, Mitch. Thanks, Jon. 15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MULÉ: Okay. That's the end 16 of our agenda. 17 Do I have any comments from the public? 18 Seeing none, this meeting is adjourned. 19 Thank you, all. 20 21 (Thereupon the California Integrated 22 Waste Management Board, Special Waste 23 Committee meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.) 24

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